

INTRODUCTION

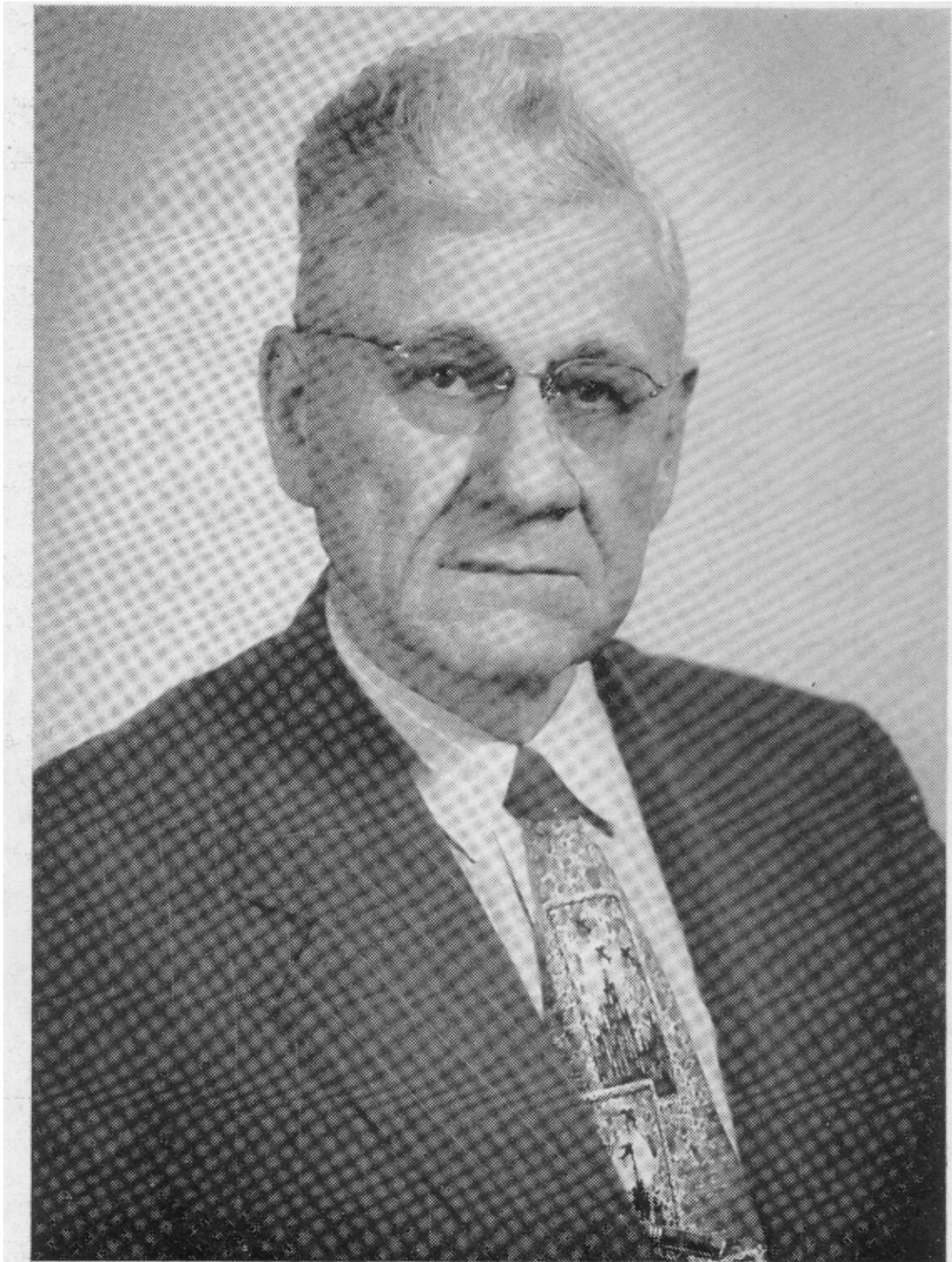
The following genealogy of the Miller family was compiled by my great uncle, Everett Wayne Miller, from the years 1937 to 1953. The book as exhibited here is original with minor corrections and is complete with a short family history by Samuel H. Comer (written 1915) and a history of the Miller family by Samuel Silas Miller, Jr. (written in the years 1910 to 1912) as originally published in the 1953 version of "*Genealogy of Jacob Miller and His Descendants*".

The genealogy of the Miller family has not been updated for 50 years

With the posting of this book on the Internet, it is hoped that from time to time that the Miller Genealogy can be updated and that the work started by Everett Wayne Miller in 1937 will continue.

If you have any comments or additions to make to this genealogy, please submit them to this web site.

Thanks,
Wayne Miller



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GENEALOGY

of

JACOB MILLER AND HIS

DESCENDANTS

by

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FOREWORD

The compiling of this book was begun in 1937 and continued through the years 1938 and 1939, with a cessation due to pressing business and Second World War until 1950, when the work was resumed.

While the work is not complete by any means, when we think of the many descendent families we were unable to trace due to lack of time and money, yet we have secured and put together enough to make it a very valuable record to the thousands of Jacob Miller's descendants now living and to future posterity.

There may be errors in names; the spelling of names, names in families left out, or names listed in the wrong family, as there is such a repetition of names, yet we have spared no effort or time in trying to make the entire book as authentic as was possible from the data gathered by my own efforts and that supplied by others, a list of whom I give you here, as follows;

Sigfus Olafson, Madison, Boone County, W. Va.

Rev. Albert R. Miller, Huntington, W. Va.

Rev. Manderville T. Miller, Madison, W. Va.

John P. Miller, Assurance, Monroe County, W. Va.

Leiton E. Miller, Beckley, W. Va.

Estle Miller, Beckley, W. Va.

Elbert W. Miller, Red Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Lundy M. Miller, Oak Hill, W. Va.

Mrs. Mary Huffman, Creamery, Monroe County, W. Va.

William M. Comer, Greenville, W. Va.

Basil North Miller, Huntington, W. Va., furnished Part II.

I am also indebted to many others for individual family records.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

We have recorded herein all the names and information at hand, which means that the compiler was unable to obtain additional records. Therefore further responsibility is respectfully waived by him.

Principle used herein: First the name, then date of birth and death, followed by "whom married," sometimes marked (m) before the name, and then, number of children often marked "ch." (Thus:- 7 ch.)

RECORD: A reunion known as the Miller-Halstead Reunion was inaugurated in 1936, the first meeting being held at Pence Springs, W. Va. However, this was discontinued when gas was rationed during World War II

In 1948 the Monroe County Millers, or a number of them, organized the Henry Miller Senior Reunion, which was held three consecutive years in the Copeland Grove at Wikel, then moved permanently to the Comer Grove (where lives Anday Ray Miller) on the old Frederick Comer home place, and near the original home site which is still owned by the Comer heirs.

EVERETT W. MILLER

Dated December 31, 1952.

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With Some Brief History Thereto
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PART I - 20 CHAPTERS

CHAPTER ONE

JACOB MILLER, SENIOR-THE GERMAN EMIGRANT

According to Government records obtained by Sigfus Olafson, Jacob Miller was born in Germany in the year 1702 and came to America with his parents in 1715. They settled about 30 miles from the Port of Philadelphia, at a place known as Faulkner's Swamp. Here Jacob, the boy, lived to manhood and at the age of 23 married a German girl of the same name, who either came over with them, or at a later date; more probably at a later date, since she was from another part of Germany and spoke a different dialect. One spoke High German, being from the Highlands, while the other spoke Low German, being from the Lowlands.

Philadelphia being the port to which most of the early emigrants came, the nearby territory soon became thickly populated. Consequently they spread outward into the less settled parts of the surrounding country-Westward into the Pennsylvania Territory; South and Southwestward into the Virginia Territory.

JACOB MILLER and family went south westward along the southern fringe of the Allegheny Mountains and found their way into the Shenandoah Valley, making their home in the fertile valley of (now) Rockingham County, near the present town of Harrisonburg, where he reared his family.

'We do not know the date he settled there, neither do we know how many children, since records are incomplete covering these early settlers, and we understand the court house of Rockingham County was destroyed by fire with all the County records. However, we do have the names of the following children: (Date of birth not given)

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| 1-Christian | 5-George |
| 2-Henry | 6-Barbary |
| 3-Jacob, Jr. | 7-Katherine. |
| 4-John, sr. | |

These were obtained in 1938 from Sigfus Olafson, who got them from U. S. Census records in Washington, D. C., as well as many other names of the descendants of Jacob Miller, given herein. See last paragraph of Chapter 2.

Inasmuch as we owe to Mr. Olafson so many of the names recorded herein prior to 1860, we think it very appropriate to quote his opening paragraphs as given in his records of "THE MILLER FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY," as follows:

"Jacob Miller was born in Germany in 1702 and came to Philadelphia in 1715 when he was a boy of 13. He married a Miller, also a German, but not related to him, as one of the couple was from the highlands of Germany and spoke the dialect known as High German, while the other was from the lowlands and spoke the Low German dialect.

"At this time Philadelphia was the port to which most of the German immigrants came, as well as many immigrants of other nationalities. There was not room for them in that vicinity so they naturally spread outward into the less settled portions of Pennsylvania and southward along the eastern ridge of the mountains, which at that time were an almost insurmountable barrier. In that way a good many of them found their way into the Shenandoah Valley, among whom was Jacob Miller. He settled in Rockingham County and there reared a large family." (Among the children were those given above.)

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CHAPTER TWO

THE CHILDREN OF JACOB MILLER, SR.

In this chapter we give you a brief history of the children of Jacob Miller, Sr.; who they married, where they went and the number of children born to each, as far as records obtained show.

1st-Jacob, Jr., born 1726, died 1806, married twice: First, Elizabeth Fudge in 1746 who bore him 9 children; 8 living to maturity. She died March 13, 1777, after they crossed the Allegheny Mountains and settled on Rich Creek just west of the present village of Lindside, Monroe County, W. Va. Second, Margaret Sullivan, who bore him 7 children. (See Chapter three.)

2nd and 3rd--Christian and Henry, who lived and died in Rockingham County, Virginia. I have the following from Joseph K. Roebush of Harrisonburg, Va., dated Sept. 5, 1951:

"When you run into the Millers of Rockingham County, Va., you are running into a mighty host. Rockingham County was formed from Augusta County in 1778, so your material would be found in the Augusta County Records." I have not followed this up.

4th-JOHN SR., born 1735, died 1826. Buried in the old graveyard on the farm now owned by the William Pence heirs, but on the original land grant taken out by him in the year 1785. He married Barbary Mauze, a French girl, who bore him 9 children; 8 boys and 1 girl. He crossed the mountains in 1775 and settled on Indian Creek about 3 miles east of the present village of Greenville, Monroe County, W. Va.

5th-GEORGE, (no record of birth and death or marriage). He crossed the mountains with the others in 1775, stayed awhile on Indian Creek, but moved on westward into Kentucky, possibly around 1810, and settled in Madison County, south of Lexington. We understand he had a family of 14 children, but no further record at hand.

6th-BARBARY, born 1744, died 1819, married Jacob Mann. She and her husband were with the band that crossed the mountains in 1775 and took an active part in the pioneer settlements on Indian Creek. They had three children of which we have record: Lizzie, who married William Maddy and went to Tennessee; and Jacob and Adam, both of whom remained on Indian Creek and raised large families. These are the grand-dads of the host of Manns now residing in that vicinity.

7th-KATHERINE, married George Conrad and was also in the band that crossed the mountains in 1775. They stopped in the Gap Mills territory, Monroe County, where they took a land grant and stayed a number of years, then moved on into Kentucky, possibly with her brother George, but we have no further record.

HISTORY: - In the year 1775, about the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, and supposedly before the immortal words of Patrick Henry: "Give me

liberty or give me death," spoken before the 2nd Virginia Convention assembled in St. John's Church, Richmond, on March 20, 1775, had reached the settlements in the Shenandoah, an expedition set out westward from that section, among whom were five

of the Jacob Miller family, as mentioned above: "Jacob, Jr., John, George, Barbary and Katherine."

These westward bound emigrants followed the trail down the Cowpastor River, through the mountains via where Clifton Forge and Covington now stand, or possibly Hot Springs and Covington, and out into the Appalachian Plateau via Old Sweet Springs and Gap Mills. This trail had been used, according to Morton's History of Monroe County, since 1749 and must have been an accessible trail by this time. Morton says, pages 28, 29: "In 1769 there was a third and permanent occupation of the Great Levels around Lewisburg. The settlement of Monroe must have been quite as early * * *. The surveys along Indian Creek extended from the mouth nearly to the source * * *. The outbreak of the Dunmore war in the summer of 1774 found a chain of settlements all the way from

Sweet Springs, Gap Mills and the head of Indian Creek, and thence down Indian Creek to its mouth." Morton's History seems to be authentic. Also, according to the History of West Virginia by Virgil A. Lewis, the first settlement in Greenbrier County was in 1761, which settlement was completely wiped out by the Indians in 1763. Lewis also says that in 1769 a number of families again settled in Greenbrier, and that a camp was established known as Camp Union, later as Fort Savannah, now Lewisburg, the County Seat of Greenbrier County. Thus, the two historians seem to agree relative to permanent settlements beginning in 1769, six years before the Millers came across the mountains.

Another fact worthy of note is that a peace treaty had been made with the Indians in 1774 as a result of the Dunmore War and the battle at Point Pleasant where the Indians were defeated. This evidently had a bearing on the decisions of our forefathers to take up settlement on the west of the mountains. These facts also would bear out the writer's deduction that the COOK FORT at Greenville, *was not built by the Millers and Manns*, but by earlier settlers there, one of whom was named Cook. Morton's History mentions a number of forts being used in Monroe County during the Indian hostilities which started again in 1775, agitated by the British and renegades at the start and through the Revolutionary War for independence, Cook's Fort being mentioned as one of them.

I have in my possession 24 typewritten pages of history and genealogy of the Hans Creek Millers, written by Samuel Silas Miller, Jr., in the year of 1910, which is recorded in Part II of this book. You will find this very interesting, as he gives numerous traditions, incidents, customs and usages of that time, as well as that of the earlier and pioneer days.

I also have 9 pages of legal size paper written by an attorney, one Sigfus Olafson, dated "Madison, W. Va., March 19, 1938," the heading of which is: "*The Miller Family of Boone County.*" Mr. Olafson was then a Land Title Attorney employed by large coal land interests, consequently spent much time in Washington, D. C., looking up original land grants, and while there obtained the records given me. Mr. Olafson told me he had compiled similar data on all the prominent families of Boone County, down to about 1860, later records not being open to the public.

CHAPTER THREE

THE FAMILY OF JACOB MILLER, JR., BY HIS SON PETER (Complete in This Chapter)

JACOB MILLER, JR., first son of Jacob, Sr., was born in 1726 in Pennsylvania, 30 miles from Philadelphia, near Falkner's Swamp. He removed to Rockingham County, Va., and married Elizabeth Fudge about the year 1748 or '49. She bore him 9 children; 8 of them lived to maturity, being as follows: (We don't have date of birth and death of these)

1-Jacob, the Third	4-Elizabeth	7-John
2-Charles	5-Katherine	8--George
3-Mary	6-Barbary	

JACOB, III, married an Estill [Note: The Estills were among the first settlers in Monroe County, one family settling on Indian Creek just below the mouth of Dropping Lick some years before the Millers and Manns settled there, according to Land Grants and Morton's History of Monroe County] and went to Kentucky where he raised a large family. At an advanced age he moved to Illinois where he died from bleeding at the nose.

2nd-CHARLES: Went with Jacob to Kentucky. Never married.

3rd-MARY: Married Augustine Price, whose children live in Warren County, Ohio.

4th-ELIZABETH: Married a Caperton (Hugh). Many of their descendants are now living in Monroe County, W. Va. (1863). [Note: As I remember when a boy, the Caperton home was situate about a half mile north of Union, Monroe County, and was a very fine estate, the Capertons being wealthy; U. S. Senator Allen T. Caperton being of this family.]

5th-KATHERINE: Married a Walker and moved to Texas at an early day, where she raised her family.

6th-BARBARY (1767-1852): Married Rev. John Maddy, lived her 85 years on a farm near Greenville, Monroe County, W. Va., and raised nine children that lived to maturity. [Note: She was the grandmother of the Greenville Maddies.]

7th-JOHN: Married a Handley, a cousin of old Billy, in 1803. In middle life he moved to Decatur County, Indiana, where he raised most of his family. He died at an advanced age.

8th-GEORGE (1770-1855): Married a Swope and had 13 children, all of whom he settled on farms of their own (supposedly in Monroe County in the Rich Creek sector). At an advanced age he moved to Iowa, where he died at the age of 85.

This ends the history of said Jacob Miller's children by his first wife. In 1775 he moved from Rockingham County, Va., to Monroe County, where his wife died, March 13, 1777, and was buried on Rich Creek. He here married Margaret Sullivan, who bore him 7 children as follows:

1-Daniel	3-Ellen	5-Joseph	7-Rhoda
2-Peter	4-Margaret	6-Sarah	

PETER-Married Sarah Simmons in 1803, who bore him many children, most of whom are settled on farms in Rush County, Indiana, near their father. [Note: These cousins must be many and would make up a large branch of our family tree, but we have no further record of them.]

ELLEN-Died in early life.

MARGARET-Born 1788 and married Joseph Swope in 1806. No further record.

JOSEPH-Married a Walker, sister of the Walker who married Katherine, and went to Texas. He had 5 children whom he settled comfortably on farms of their own (presumably in the Rich Creek sector). He died in 1857 or '58.

In connection with this family I must mention old Black Betty, a colored women whom Joseph's father raised in Virginia, and at his death she went to live with Joseph. She is now (1863) 93 years old, has a remarkable memory, and a high degree of intelligence, and one of the most pious to be found. I mention her because she has been connected with the family for four generations.

SARAH-Born 1790, married Jacob Simmons and lived also in Rush County, Indiana, near her children, most of whom are alive and married at this date (1863). She is comfortably fixed and enjoys good health. She is the last daughter of her father that is living.

RHODA-1796-1861. Married Thomas Maddy in 1819 and settled in Rush County, Indiana, at an early date. In the fall of 1854, she and her husband and family moved to Marion County, Iowa. They lived prosperously and happy until October 7, 1861, when she died in the triumph of grace. She left 8 children and 2 died before her.

This ends the history of Jacob Miller's (Junior) children, all of whom, that reached maturity, are members of the church, and nearly all are of the Methodist and have the characteristics of very industrious and quiet people.

I now add a few more words of this father, Jacob Miller, Junior: He came from Rockingham County to Monroe County, Virginia (then), in 1775 and settled on Rich Creek. Here he lived and raised most of his family. April 13, 1806 or '08 he died in peace with God and man, and was buried on the farm owned by Delaney Sweeny (when I knew it). He had been a member of the church most of his life, and his home was always open for Methodist preaching; and the first preacher was William Phoeberthe Fosbury. He and his wife joined the M. E. Church under Robert Chambers in 1806.

(Signed) "Peter Miller," June 17, 1863.

The foregoing was furnished to A. B. Mann by Jas. R. Thomas, July 5, 1913.

JOHN MILLER, SR., OF JACOB MILLER, SR.,
AND HIS CHILDREN

Since Chapter 3 contains all the information we have of Jacob Miller, Jr., and his posterity; and George, the other brother of John who crossed the mountains with him, went to Kentucky, and we have no further record of his family; we shall proceed with the genealogy and history of the remaining offspring of Jacob Miller, Senior, as far as we have been able to trace records, namely:

JOHN MILLER, SR., Born 1735, Died 1826-Age 91.

As before stated, he was born in Virginia, or at Faulkner's Swamp, before his parents moved into the Shenandoah Valley. He married a French girl, Barbary Mauze (Mauza), whose family lived in the same community, she being of the Huguenot or French Protestant faith, and had fled to America to escape the religious prosecution of that time in France. They had 9 children, as follows:

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| 1-Elizabeth, born 1767 | 5-Henry, born 1774 |
| 2-John, Jr., born 1768 | 6-Adam, born 1778 |
| 3-Michael, born 1770 | 7-George, born 1780 |
| 4-Jacob, born 1772 | 8-Daniel, born 1782 |
| | 9-Moses, born 1785 |

RECORDING OF CHILDREN:

1-ELIZABETH, 1767-1835. Was born in Rockingham County, Virginia. Married William Carnifax in Monroe County, W. Va., but later moved to Nicholas County, West Virginia. No further record.

2-JOHN, JR., 1768-1835. Married Sarah ____ of Monroe County, had six children, moved to Boone County, W. Va., and settled on Rock Creek. (See Chapter 5 for record of his family.)

3-MICHAEL (MIKE), 1770-1862. He married Doll ____ lived and died in Monroe County on an inherited part of the old farm on Indian Creek known as the "James Shanklin Farm" when the writer was a boy and went to school in the old Shanklin School House located on this farm by the side of the County road in the years of 1886-1898. They had 4 children; 1 son, Colonel John Miller, mentioned later, and 3 girls, one of whom supposedly married a Shanklin and stayed on the old place. (See Chapter 6.)

4-JACOB, 1772-1825. Married ____ and had 2 children; lived in Monroe until about 1810, then went with other of his brothers to Boone County and settled on Rock Creek. (See Chapter 7.)

5-HENRY, 1774-1862. Married Rhoda, daughter of Charles and Ann Brocking, and had 9 children. He lived and died in Old Monroe. (See Chapter 8.)

6-ADAM MILLER, 1778-1844, married Letha Canterbury in 1814, had 8 children and lived and died in Monroe County. (See his genealogy in Chapter 13.)

7-GEORGE MILLER, 1780-1815. We have no record of his family if he had one, but he died in Logan County, W. Va., according to Mr. Olafson, where

the 5 brothers stopped a short time before settling in Boone County. (See explanatory note below.) The inference is, he had no family.

8-DANIEL MILLER, 1782-1862, married Elizabeth Comer of Augustus Comer, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a sister of Frederick Comer, the writer's great grandfather on his mother's side of the family. They had 10 children, went to Boone County, W. Va., about the year 1810 and settled on Turtle Creek, near Madison, the County Seat, where his posterity, or many of them, remain to this day, 1951. We have the most complete record of this family, except my own, contained in this book. (See Chapters 14 to 17.)

9-MOSES, 1785-1860, married Ruth Canterbury, who bore him three children. They moved to Boone County with his other brothers mentioned previously, stayed there some years and then moved on into Lincoln County and took up residence somewhere on Mud River. (See Chapter 19.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Of the sons of John and Barbary Miller, Michael Henry and Adam stayed in Monroe County; Mike and Henry on the original land grant, or part of it, and Adam on Hans Creek, not so many miles away. The other five brothers, John Jr., Jacob, George, Daniel and Moses, left Monroe around 1810, going first to Logan County in the Big Creek sector, close to where the Chapmansville road crosses Garretts Fork, where George died and was buried. The other four then moved on to Boone County, John, Jacob and Moses to Rock Creek, and Daniel to Turtle Creek, where they lived the balance of their lives, except Moses, who later moved to Mud River in Lincoln County.

Following are copies of original land grants taken out by John Miller, Senior and Junior:

Survey for John Miller 397 acres of land in Greenbrier County on Indian Creek joining the land of Wallace Estill & Jacob Mann which he is intitled to by virtue of a certificate from the District of Augusta Botetourt & Greenbrier as afo. of Jas. Estell & is bounded as follow viz. Beginning at ash elm & buckeye on a small run N 8 E 80 po. to white oak on a path co. to Estell & with his line N. 22 W 136 po. crossing the creek to 2 white oak & leaving Estell's line N. 85 W 5 2 po. to a chestnut oak N. 64 W. 162 po. to a white oak & sugar tree S. 66 W 5 2 po. to white oak S 20 W. 52 po. to white oak hickory & dogwood S 45 E 73 po. to black oak & hickory cr. to Jacob Mann & with the same crossing the creek S 32 W 170 po. to 2 white oaks thence S 87 E 328 po. to the Beginning. 12th April 1785

Alex Welch S. G. C.

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Tract No. One

Compiler's note: This is the original Land Grant and the Old Home Place. It takes in the Pence Farm; the former Henry Peck farm, now owned by a Dowdy, I think. Also the old John Shanklin farm now owned by the Evans.

Survey for John Miller 109 acres of land in Greenbrier County, lying & being on the south side of Indian Creek on the road leads from 'Wallace Estill's to William Hutchinson's & including small branches of Briny Run a branch of Hands Creek which he is entitled to by State Warrant for ___a no. ___and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beg. at double chestnut oak and spanish oak

on top of a ridge, N. 65 E. 62 to B. O. & hickory S. 80 E. 46 to B. O. & dogwood S. 8 E. 80 to spanish oak and souer wood on the waggon road S. 30 W. 94 pl. to B. & W. O. & dogwood, N. 80 W. 92 pl. to spanish & w. oak North 70 pole to 3 wh. oaks and N. 23 E. 62 pl. to Beg.
June 7th, 1788.

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Tract No. Two

Compiler's Note: This tract takes in the present village of Wikel and the Copeland homestead lying just to the west "Briny Run" is the branch running by the old Mitchell Comer homestead and on westward to Hands Creek. The compiler's supposition is that William Hutchinson first owned this Mitchell Comer place, possibly built it. The Wagon road mentioned is one of the oldest in that section and had posts set every mile, one being at the foot of the hill, not far from the south east corner of the Old Home Place tract, the next one south being where the village of Wikel now is.

Survey for John Miller Sen. 230 a. of land in Greenbrier County on waters of Indian Creek. So. side joining Adam Mann, Godfrey Schwing, John Miller, jr. and his own land. Beg. at large W. O. on a line of Adam Man and with same S 20 E 12 pl. to meaple & lynn by a branch S. 30 W. 33 to wal. & Spa. O. and leave same extend same course 13 pl. to pop. & sp. o. S 30 E 42 to a meaple S. 60 E. 96 po. in hollow, N. 45 E. 38 to B. O. N. 22 E. 16 pl. to 2 ch. oaks, & B. O. cr. to his own land & with N. 65 E. 62 pl. to B. O. & hickory S. 80 E. 46 to B. O. & dogwood S. 8 E 80 pl. to sp. o. & sourwood on Waggon Road & S 30 W. 94 B. O. W. O & dogwood cr. same & leave N. 80 E. 18 to B. O. & dogwood S. 76 E. 30 to W. O. & 2 dogwood cr. Schwing & thence N. 45 E. 190 pls. to w. o. on a hill side N. 50 W. 52 to W. O. on John Miller Jr's. line & with N. 66 W. 16 to his cr. sugar S. 50 W. 58 to wh. o. & 2 sugar trees & leave same N. 54 W. 38 pls. to 2 chest. oaks N. 20 W. 88 pls. to 2 pop. in a hollow N. 25 E. 14 pls. to lynns on his own open line of his old home place & S 86 W. 216 pls. to the Beg.

July 3rd, 1789.

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Tract No. Three

Compiler's note:

This tract practically surrounds the 109 acre tract, except on the south and south-west, and as far as I can determine from landmarks familiar to me when a boy. A part of the Wilson Miller homestead was located on the south eastern part, while the western part, that north west of the 109 acre tract, took in a home site where my Grandfather, Henry Miller, lived in the early 1880s, and where Davis Halstead later built a home above the road going down the "Big Hill," or this may be on the 109 acre tract (Tract No. Two). Also further west, at the foot of the hill, my Uncle Eli Miller lived until he built a home at Wikel, also located on land covered by this tract. Also this tract took in a part of my Father's farm, which he acquired from the Shanklin's when I was a lad (in the teens) .

Survey for John Miller Jun. 50 acres of land in Greenbrier County on Indian Creek a branch of New River joining the land of his own bough of his father &

Isaac Estill which he is entitled to by part of a Warrant for 1000 acres No.6854 as afs. of Benjamin Harvey & William Vawter who was afs. of Jacob Skiles & is bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at an ash elm & Buckeye on a small run corner to his own & Estill & with the latter. S 41 E 20 p. to a white oak & locust by a run edge & crossing the same S. 10 E 34 p. to a dogwood and ironwood on the point of a spur S 84 E 10 p. to beech & maple on run edge corner to same & leave S 51 E 48 p. to a w. o. S 37 W 20 p. & run to a large w. o. N 70 W 65 p. to sugar tree sapling on run edge S 55 W. 60 p. to a w. o. & 2 sugar trees by Estills Road N 3 E 28 p. to chesnut oak N 9 W 100 p. to a sugar tree & lynn in a hollow corner to his own on his fathers open line & with S 86 E 100 p. to the Beg.

22 Oct. 1795

Jas. Handly S.G.C.

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Tract No. Four

Compiler's Note:

This tract lays around the mouth of Adkins Hollow, near where I went to school, and reaches a distance up the "Estill" road running to Wikel up the hollow by the Wilson Miller home --The Adkins hollow and the Miller hollow joins on this small tract of John, Jr.

Survey for John Miller Sr. 49 acres of land in Greenbrier County joining his own land that he now lives on and Samuel Lewis & Isaac Estill which he is entitled to by warrant for 1000 acres N. 6854 as afs. afs. of Benjamin Harvey & William Vawter who was afs. of Jacob Shiles & is bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at a w. o. & sugar tree on hill top corner to his own & Lewis' & with the latter N 40 E. 34 p. to his corner 2 w. o. N 15 E 40 po. 2 w. o. & the same course 10 p. to a w. o. & sugar tree S. 73 E 50 p. to a w. o. & south 60 p. to a w. o. S 74 E 30 p. to a mulberry N 52 E 18 p. to a red oak at the foot of a steep hill S. 17 E 10 p. to a walnut corner to Estill & with S 32 W 27 p. to a chesnut oak & white oak S 38 E 63 P. to his corner 2 b. o. & the same course 2 p. to a w. o. & dogwood on his own line & with N. 8 5 W. 2 p. to his corner a chesnut o. & with N 64 W. 162 p. to the Beg.

22 Oct. 1795

Jas Handley Ap. S.G.C.
Alex Welch S.G.C.

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Tract No. Five

Compiler's note:

This tract joins and lies north of the Old Home Place and takes in a part of the "Little Knobs" which is the highest hill in that section.

I have two other tracts not mentioned here due to not being able to place them in connection with the 5 tracts above-A total of 983 acres.

CHAPTER Four (Continued)

I want to here quote further from Mr. Sigfus Olafson's account of the Boone County MILLER FAMILY, as follows:

"About 1775 some of the Millers moved to Monroe County. It is not definitely known if Jacob, Sr., came, as at that time he was an old man, but Jacob, Jr., settled near what is now Lindside, and John settled near what is now Greenville. Barbary and Katherine also came to Monroe, but the two oldest sons, Christian and Henry, remained in Rockingham County.

. "At the time the Millers settled in Monroe County, it was considered the western frontier, being on the fringe of the white settlements west of the mountains. There were constant Indian troubles until about 1790, the Indians making raids for the purpose of securing scalps and stealing horses; and the settlers often pursuing them far back into the Indian country. After one of these raids a party of settlers, among whom were some of the Millers, pursued the Indians through Boone and Logan Counties, overtaking them in camp on Guyandotte River. By a surprise attack they killed some of the Indians and wounded one, who tried to escape by swimming the river. One of the Millers swam after him and killed him in midstream with a knife.

At another time John Miller heard the gobble of a wild turkey, which he recognized as being made by an Indian trying to lure him out into the woods where he could kill him. Leaving his house in the opposite direction and without being observed, he made a long circuit through the woods and came up behind the Indian, still gobbling, and killed him. It is likely that the Millers saw Boone County on one of their trips after Indians, which was their reason for coming here later."

"Of the sons of John and Barbary Miller, Adam remained in Monroe County, where his descendants still live, but one of his sons, John, married Lucy Mann and later came to Boone County. This John Miller was the father of Allen Miller. It is also likely that Michael and Henry remained in Monroe, or in that vicinity. The other five sons of John Miller; Jacob, John, Daniel, Moses and George, left Monroe County about 1810 and moved to Big Creek in Logan County, close to where the Chapmansville road crosses Garrett Fork, where George died and was buried. The four remaining brothers stayed there but a short time and then moved to what is now Boone County; Daniel to Turtle Creek and Moses, John and Jacob to Rock Creek. There they lived the remainder of their days except Moses, who later moved to Mud River." End of Mr. Olafson's recording.

CHAPTER FIVE

JOHN MILLER, JR., AND HIS FAMILY

(2-A)

JOHN MILLER, 11, 1768-1855, First son and second child of JOHN, Sr., was born in Virginia, and seven years old when his father crossed the mountains and settled on Indian Creek. When about 25 years of age he married a girl named Sarah (We did not learn her last name) who bore him six children; four born in Monroe before he left there and two after he went to Boone County. His children:

1-Jacob
2-Isaac

3-Nancy
4-Lucy

5--George
6-Jonathan (?)

1-JACOB, born 1795 in Monroe and was 15 years old when his parents moved to Boone County. He married a Boone County girl (we do not have her name) and had five children as follows:

1 - George, born 1817, married Margaret McDilda and had 4 children.

2 - Elizabeth, born 1821, married Wm. Epling and had 5 children.

3 - Lucy, born 1823, married Wilson Adkins and had 8 children.

4 -Daniel, born 1824, married Sarah ----- and had 2 children.

5 - Athalia, born 1826, married Alex. Cabell , and had 7 children.

'We have the names of George and Margaret's 4 children, being Lucreta, born 1844 and married Andrew Griffith; America, born 1847 and died young; Benjamin F., born 1854, and Nancy L., born 1857. However, we have no further record of George and Margaret's family.

We have no record of Elizabeth Epling's children; neither do we have any record of any of the families of Lucy Adkins, or Athalia Cabell.

Daniel and Sarah's children were: Evelyn, born 1847 and married Terry B. Doss, and Jacob, 1849-1895, married Nancy Doss Miller, widow of Elisha Miller, but no further record.

2 - ISAAC, of John, II, born 1799, married Elizabeth Halstead of Amos and Nancy - No children.

3 - NANCY, of John, II, born 1802, married Jeremiah Pauley and had 1 child, Peter, born 1845 - No further record.

4 - LUCY, of John, II, born 1806, died 1888, married James Halstead of Amos and Nancy-No further record.

5 - GEORGE, 1811-1894, Married Leah Basham and had ten children:

Anderson, born 1835, married Nancy Jane Estep.

Elijah, born 1837, died 1879, married Nancy Doss, had 1 child, Mahala, who married Fearbon McNeeley.

Samuel, born 1839, married Rhoda Canterbury of Isaac.

Samantha, born 1841, married George Doss.

Henry A., 1844-1931, married Jane Curry of Samuel.

George W., born 1847, married Levina Pauley.

Rachel, born 1853, married Ballard Gunnoe.

Julia Ann, born 1858, married William Willis.

Isaac, 1860-1925, married Almeda Gunnoe.

Benjamin, born 1850-Died in childbirth.

This completes the record of John Miller, Jr.'s Family as far as we have been able to obtain.

CHAPTER SIX
Michael (Mike) Miller and His Descendants

-Subject to Correction –

Complete in this Chapter

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MICHAEL, Third child of John, Sr., was born in Virginia in 1770 and died in 1834. He was five years old when his parents crossed the mountains and settled on Indian Creek, (now) Monroe County, W. Va. He married Dollie -----had four children that we have a record of, and lived and died, on the east (third) part of the original land granted to his father.

His Children:

1-Barbary-No record.

2-Polly, married three times: 1st, John Bailey, 2nd, Daniel Leake and 3rd, Abraham Toler. However, we have no further record.

3-Margaret, married a Shanklin and stayed on the old farm, known as the Shanklin farm when I was a lad, where lived "Old Uncle" James Shanklin in an old log house, all alone. His brother, John, had built a fine frame residence down near the creek, whose children, Jim and Dick, I went to school with in the Old Shanklin School house near the mouth of "Adkins" hollow. This part of the farm was purchased about 1902 by Joseph Evans. As well as I remember, the old place where Uncle Jim lived was purchased after his death, about 1889, by one Lucius McNeer, who tore down the old log structure and built a nice large frame dwelling near by. My first school teacher was this same Lucius McNeer, when I was six years old.

Margaret (Miller) Shanklin had the following children:

1-Michael	4-Sally	7-Isaac	10-Rachel
2-Nancy	5-Elizabeth	8-Marcena	11-Agatha
3-Hannah	6-Andrew	9-David	

(No further record)

4-Colonel John Miller, born 1793, married Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Stigard) Mitchell of Monroe County. Joshua Mitchell was one of Lafayette's soldiers at the battle of Yorktown, who deserted after the Revolutionary War and remained in America. He was born in Paris, France, and naturalized as an American citizen in 1814. Reports say that this particular John Miller was a Colonel in the War of 1812, but his age seems to preclude that. Most likely he was a Colonel in the Monroe County Militia, as his son, Ezekiel, was later. (Quoted from records of Sigfus Olafson.) They had 10 children:

- 1-Ezekiel, 1813, married Susan, daughter of James Mitchell.
- 2-Elizabeth, 1815, married twice, 1st Major John Hager, 2nd James Lewis.
- 3-Katherine, 1818-1882, married Joshua, son of James Mitchell.
- 4-Susan, 1820, married Armstrong, son of Obediah & Rachel Bias.
- 5-Delilah, 1825, married Simeon of Obediah and Rachel Bias.
- 6-Sarah, 1827-1906, married Calvin Hatfield.

- 7-Virginia, 1831, married twice: 1st, Isaac Vance; 2nd, F. Thompson.
- 8-Levina, 1834, married Christopher Lake.
- 9-Benjaniin, 1836, married Jane, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ball.
- 10-Louisa, 1829, married John F., son of Joseph and Catherine (Comer) Hall.

We have no record of any children of these, except Ezekiel and Susan Miller, who had the following children:

- 1-Benton J., 1838_____ Married twice: 1st, Venila daughter of Daniel and Agnes Miller; 2nd, Martha Sheets, a widow.
- 2-Mary (Polly), 1842-1895, married William R. Nelson.
- 3-Levina, 1851, married twice: 1st, a Pauley, and 2nd, Burwell, son of Henry and Mary Ann Pauley.
- 4-Elizabeth, 1855, married twice: 1st, C. H. Turley; 2nd, John, son of Oscar McKinney.
- 5-Eliza, 1857, married Silas, son of Peter and Margaret Billups.

This ends our records of Michael Miller and his family, and we are not sure of our information relative to Margaret (Shanklin) Miller. It seems to us that she should have had a son named JAMES-Old Uncle James (Jim) mentioned in this chapter. We may be able to check further on this later; but, since the writer is now 71 years of age, with cataracts on both eyes, he may not be able to do so.

CHAPTER SEVEN

JACOB MILLER, SON OF JOHN, SR., AND HIS DESCENDANTS

(4-A) JACOB MILLER, 1772-1825, fourth child of John, Sr., and grandson of Jacob, who came from Germany, was born in Virginia, was three years old when his parents crossed the Allegheny Mountains and settled on Indian Creek, Monroe County, W. Va. We have no record of who he married, or his children, except as given next below. We do know that he had three children and moved to Boone County with his brothers mentioned previously and settled on Rock Creek.

His children, of whom we have record, and their descendants, follow:

- 1-JAMES 2-GEORGE 3-DANIEL

1-JAMES was born 1793 and married Nancy_____, who bore him six children, namely:

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|--------------------------------------|---------|------|
| 1-Rev. James C., 1822 | 4-Julia | 1832 |
| 2-Jesse W. 1823 | 5-Isaac | 1835 |
| 3-John S. 1828 | 6-Eliza | 1837 |

1-Rev. James C. married Elizabeth, daughter of "Fork" John Miller and had the following children:

- 1-Calvary, 1845, married a daughter of Phillip and Celia Doss.
- 2-Alfred, 1847, married Paulina Jane Cantley of John and Nancy.
- 3-America, 1850, married William Owen of David and Mahala.
- 4-Sylvester, 1856, no further record.
- 5-Benjamin F., born 1860, no further record.

2-JESSE W. married Nancy Godbey and had five children as follows:
1-Martha Jane, 1848, married Samuel Halstead of John and Sarah.
2-Melvin, born 1851, married M. E. Long, of John.
3-Mary Ann, born 1853, married Oliver Halstead of John and Sarah.
4-Lorenza D., born 1856, married Alice, widow of Manderville T. Miller, Sr.
5-Burwell, born 1858, married Ammazetta Miller of A. J. and Elizabeth. No further record.

3-JOHN S. married Caroline Williams, of Isaac and Frances, and had the following children: (but no further record of this family)

1-Hansford, born 1851, married Mary Price of Peter and Polly.
2-Minerva, born 1854, married Alton White.
3-Mary F., born 1856, married E. W. Harless of Edward and Nancy.
4--Charles R., born 1858, married Lucy Perdue of Isaac and Elizabeth. 5-Julina, born 1861, married Wm. H. Williams of John and Frances.

4-JULIA and ISAAC-No record.

5-ELIZA, married James Williams of Isaac and Rachel. No further record.

GEORGE, brother of James, married Margaret ____ and had four children:

1-Lucreta, born 1844, married Andrew Griffith of Wm. and Katherine
2-America, born 1847.
3-Benjamin F., 1854, and Nancy L., 1857, no further record.

3-DANIEL, brother of James and George, of the family of Jacob Miller, son of John, Senior, married____, and we have record of the following only:

1-Evaline, born 1847, married Terry B. Doss.
2-Jacob, born 1849, died 1895, married Nancy Miller, widow of Elijah, and daughter of Phillip and Celia Doss.

Thus the family of Jacob Miller, a grandson of Jacob, who came to America from Germany in the year of our Lord 1715, closes as far as our records go.

CHAPTER EIGHT HENRY MILLER, SENIOR, AND HIS CHILDREN

5-A-HENRY MILLER, SR., 1774-1862, 5th child of John, Sr., was a babe when his parents crossed the Allegheny Mountains in 1775 and settled on Indian Creek. He married Rhoda Brocking, lived on part of the land granted his father as hereinbefore recorded until he traded it for the reputed "Rifle Gun" reported below. He and Great Grandmother Rhoda had 8 children, as follows:

1-Barbary	3-Rhoda	5-Elizabeth	7-Moses
2-Polly	4-Anna	6--Charles	8-Henry

1-BARBARY: Married Sinclair Humphreys, and we presume is the grandmother of the vast Humphreys family of Monroe County. However, we have no records bearing this out.

2-POLLY: Married Alexander Mann, possibly a grandson of Jacob and Barbary (Miller) who crossed the mountains with the band of 1775. However, we do not have any record to this effect; neither do we have any further record of this family.

3-RHODA, 1819-1849: Married Samuel Lewis, but no further record.

We name the above three first in this genealogy, because we have no further record of either family.

4-ANNA: Married Thomas Ballard and had eight children, as follows:

1-Elizabeth	3--George	5-William.	7-Hugh
2-Nancy	4-Harrison	6-Sylvester	8-Susan

Were we to record the genealogy of this family and add it to the "Miller Tree" it would suffice to make a tree within itself, but we leave this for the Ballards to work out.

5-ELIZABETH: Married Jacob Halstead, of John Sr., of James, born in England about the year 1740. We have a branch on the "Miller Tree" giving this family, some of them down to date, but we will give here the names only of their 10 children, as follows:

1-Peyton, 1828	5-Mary, 1836	9-Allen, 1845
2-Rhoda, 1830	6-John, 1838	10-Andrew, 1847
3-Flora, 1832	7-Henry, 1840	
4-Nancy, died young	8-Martha, 1842	

6--CHARLES, 1804-1884, married Mary Peters and had 6 children. See Chapter 9 for complete genealogy of the family of Great Uncle Charles.

7-MOSES, -, married Susan Keaton and had 6 children. See Chapter 10 for the genealogy of my Great Uncle Moses.

8-HENRY, 1820-1888, married (1) Delilah Biggs and had 10 children; and (2) Anna Harvey and had 1 child. See Chapter 11.

A bit of tradition in connection with Grandfather Henry, Sr., may be well placed at this juncture, especially as it seems to fit in so well with the financial position of our family (This Henry was the Great Grandfather of the writer).

When I was a lad in my humble boyhood home (A log house of one large room and a loft (attic) I often heard the incident spoken of, which was to this effect: Great Grandfather Henry inherited a part of the large acreage of the original land grants on Indian Creek, and lived in a large double log house just across the (now hard) road from the fine estate of James R. Pence, where Henry Peck lived when I was a lad. Great Grandfather Henry evidently became dissatisfied with the outlook of life there; possibly because 5 of his brothers had moved westward, or possibly because he needed a good gun. At any rate someone came along with a bright shiny rifle and he wanted it so much that he sold or traded his farm for it and was so elated over the trade that he left whistling "Leather Britches." Old Uncle Billie Pence (father of James R. Pence), whom I knew and worked for when but a boy of 16, remembered when my Great Grandfather was his neighbor there. The purchaser of the farm made it into two fine farms, occupied by two brothers, Hugh and Henry Peck, when I was growing to manhood on my father's 25 acres of hill land about a mile away, was likely the father of this Peck family.

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Another supposition of the writer in this connection is that the 8 boys of John Miller, Sr., lived on the large estate of their father until about 1810, when the 5 boys mentioned previously (John, Jr., Jacob, George, Daniel and Moses) with their families (those that

had families) left for the west, just as their father and his brothers and sisters left the Shenandoah Valley to settle on the western side of the mountains. Then the father divided the estate between the three sons who remained with them (Michael, Henry and Adam). The fact that when the writer *as a lad, this land was owned by three different families, the Pecks on the west, the Pences in the middle and the Shanklins on the east, the lines running north and south, would indicate that this had been done, and as mentioned before, Henry had sold his possession to an elder Peck for the old rifle gun; Michael settled on his eastern possession which later came into the Shanklin family through marriage, and Adam remained with his father in the old home until his father died in 1826, when he sold to the elder Pence and then moved onto a land grant he had taken up on Hans Creek, where he and his posterity live unto this day, or until recent years at least. (See history by Samuel Silas Miller, Jr., in the last chapters Part 2 herein). Note: Land was of very little value at that time as the Government had plenty just for the asking and a small fee.

CHAPTER NINE

CHARLES MILLER, 1804-1884, SON OF HENRY, SENIOR, AND HIS FAMILY

CHARLES was a brother of my Grandfather Henry, Jr., and married Mary .Peters. They had six children as follows:

1-Rufus, 1828-1865	3-Delilah, 1833	5-Rhoda, 1842-1938
2--George, 1831-1896	4-Jane, 1838	6-Anderson, 1844

We will now take each of these children of Charles in chronological order and give their complete genealogy as far as we have obtained at this writing, October, 1952.

1-RUFUS; married Mary Mann, daughter of Alex and Polly (Miller). They had 8 children, as follows:

Perry D., 1855-1928; Charles; (Rebecca, Silas, Andrew, Polly-died young); Sally; Isabell Alwilda.

Charles was adopted by Dr. Douglas of Union, W. Va., and lived to be an old man. Isabell Alwilda went with her Aunt Jane Adkins to Kansas.

PERRY D., 1855-1928. Born on Indian Creek Monroe County, near the old Primitive Baptist Church. He was a man with many friends, and never turned anyone away that was in need or trouble. He was a member of the Greenbrier Baptist Church at Alderson, W. Va.

He lived in the Indian Creek sector in his early life and then moved to Flat Mountain near Alderson where he engaged in the timber business. He was married four times: First to Sally Broyles of the Flat 'Woods who died at the age of 38 with T. B. To this union was born six children, as follows: Mary, Kellous, Rufus, Cordelia, Oma, Donie. Two years later he married Sara Darnell who died nine years later with pneumonia-No children. Then he married Alice Haley who died ten months later. His last wife was Roena Campbell who bore him six children: Cyrus, Edith, Glenna, Charles, Geraldine, Gladys. Reona died February 21, 1951.

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1-MARY, the eldest of Perry's children, was born near Rock Camp, June 30, 1877; moved with her parents to Flat Mountain at the age of 15 and lived there until after she was married. She united with the Greenbrier Baptist Church at the age of 19. August 9, 1899, she married Francis (Frank) Daniel Huffman of Tays, Putnam County, W. Va.

They moved to Creamery, Monroe County, W. Va., in 1919 where her husband died in 1945. To this union were born ten children as follows:

Alfred	Mae	Hubert	Howard	Herman
Willie	Ernest	Ocie	Harry	Roy

Alfred, born 1900 near Alderson; married Hester Bragg of Sandstone, Summers County, in 1925 and had 6 children: Ethel, Ray, Kyle Jackson, Ida Ruth, Ralph, and one died at birth. Alfred lives at Creamery.

Ethel, 1926, married Lloyd Carper of Beckley-1 child, Myra Joice.

Ray, 1929, married Emogene Danley of Glenville, W.Va. No children.

Kyle Jackson, 1930. Ida Ruth, 1934-1936. Ralph, 1939.

Willie, 1902, married Harry Shanklin of Lowell, W.Va., and has 3 children: Harry Lee, 1923; Teddy Gray, 1926; Betty Jo, 1930.

Harry Lee married Margaret Walker of Huntington, W.Va. They have one daughter, Carol.

Teddy Gray married Eula Ayers of Beckley and has 4 children: Phyllis, Wayne, Mary Alice and Teddy Gray.

Betty Joe married Charles Bennett of Hinton and has 1 child, Jane Ellen. They now live in Tucson, Arizona.

May, 1904, married Cyrus Mann of Assurance, W.Va., and his one child, Virginia Mae, born 1934-1934.

Ernest, 1906, married Mae DeHart of Creamery and has 3 children: Edgar, 1929; Edna Mae, 1931; James, 1935.

Hubert, 1909, married Orpha Bowyer of Creamery and has 4 children: Mary, Ellen, 1936; Silva Lee, 1941; Charles, 1942; Larry, 1946.

Ocie, 1911, married Walter Vass of Hinton and has 2 children: Marie, born 1935, and Juanita, 1947.

Howard, 1913, married Barbara Lilly of Ballengee and had 4 children: Carlos, 1941; Richard, 1944; Carol, 1947; Dannie, 1949.

Harry, 1915, married Margie Brown of Lester, W.Va., has 2 children: Billie Jo, 1941, and Kay Susan, 1948.

Herman, 1917-1918.

Roy, 1919, married Pearl Underwood of Shady Springs, W. Va., and has 3 children: Ronald Dale, 1947-1947; Gerry Randolph, 1948-1948; Walter Keith, 1951.

2-KELLOUS, born at Rock Camp, 1879, married Viola Leach of Alderson. She died 5 months later, and he then married Lula Brown of Ronceverte, W.Va. To them was born one daughter, Bessie D., 1913.

Bessie D. married Mark Gwinn and had two children: Norma June, 1934, and Donald Edward (Jackie), 1936.

3-RUFUS, born at Rock Camp, 1881, married Mary Wikle of Alderson and had six children: Violet, Eileen, Harry Lee, Marie, Maxine, and Betty.

Violet married Dyre Pettigrew of Wolf Creek, W. Va., and had 3 children: Virginia Carol, 1937; Chas. William, 1940; Robt. Edwin, 1946.

Verna Eileen, 1916, married Boon Harvey of Ronceverte 1 child: Janet Kay, 1944.

Harry Lee, 1920, married Sue Boon of Ronceverte-4 children: Gary Lee, 1943; John Wallace, 1947; Harry Woodson, 1949; William Donald, 1951.

Marie, 1922, married Robert Boon of Washington, D. C. - 2 children: William Robert, 1943; Jerald Allen, 1945.

Ida Maxine, 1925, married Roger Link of Ronceverte 3 children: Dona Lee, 1944; Beverly Jean, 1946; Martha Lou, 1947.

Betty Frances, 1928, married Vernon Donidson of Arlington, Va.,

4--CORDELIA MAE, 1883-1924, married Elliott Kirby of Ronceverte 1 child: Herman, 1903, married Louise Goodman of Richwood, no children.

5-OMA SUE, 1886, married John Reynolds of Sinks Grove, W. Va.-5 children:

Mabel, born 1907-1914.

Alma, 1911, married Walter Ripley of Ronceverte.

Herman, 1916.

Ethel, 1918, married Lee Hunter.

Hazel, 1925, married Robt. V. St. Jacques and had 3 children: Roberta Lee, 1947; Robt. Valdis, 1949; Wm. Lewis, 1952.

6-DONIE, 1888-1889.

7-CYRUS ARTHUR, 1909, married Rhoda Kirby and had 2 children: Gertrude Frances, 1938; Rhado Mae, 1942.

8-EDITH, 1910, married Clarence Hungate-2 sons: Raymond Clifford, 1935; Ronald Dale, 1937. Edith died in 1940.

9-GLENNA, 1912, married Roderick Bowyer and had 4 children: Rodney James, 1938; Glenna Louise, 1942; Bonnie Sue, 1947; Mary Frances, 1949.

10-CHARLES, 1915, married Pearl Smith and had 4 girls: Mary Evelyn, 1938; Mildred, 1943; Betty, 1946; Vicky Ellen, 1950.

11-GERALDINE MARIE, 1918, married Chester Ellison and had two girls: Velma Loraine, 1939; Myrna Marie, 1941-1941. Geraldine and Chester separated and she married Wm. Nurches in 1949.

12-GLADYS, 1920, married Holt Meadows and had three children: Vivian Louise, 1935; Jacque Marie, 1936; Herndon Leroy, 1939-1940. Gladys and Holt separated and she later married Lewellen Davies and had two sons: Vernon Ray, 1949; second name not known yet.

The above record of Perry D. Miller, son of Rufus, son of Charles, son of Henry, son of John, Sr., son of Jacob, who came from Germany, compiled by Mrs. Mary Huffman, his eldest daughter, 1952.

SALLY, of Rufus of Charles of Henry, Sr., married Jesse Cummings and had two children, *Andrew and Lottie*, who were my playmates when a youngster. Lottie never married, but Andrew married and had some children - I do not know how many, nor their names. They are both dead.

2-GEORGE C., of Charles of Henry, Sr., (known as "Tickle Britches"); Married twice; 1st, Cynthia Mann, of Adam, and 2nd, Mary Pennington. There were 14 children whose names and family follows in order as given me by his son, JOHN P. MILLER.

1-Floyd A., married Anna - and had 2 children: Anna, 1870, and Marion, 1872. No further record given. George G., 1873, married Mary Ellison and had 5 children: Raleigh, Forrest, Howard, Ralph, and Carl.

2-Virginia, 1858-1925, married Marion Spencer and had 3 children: Mary, Oscar, and George.

3-*John P.*, 1859-1948(?): Married Martha A. Miller, daughter of Samuel Silas, Sr., and had 5 children given next below:

Frank L., 1888, married Myrtle Goode and had 1 child: Charles. Charles D., 1890-

Susan E., 1892, married Opie Brown and had 2 children: Lewis D., 1923, and Anna Sue, 1929.

Mollie B., 1895, married Everett Lilly and had 3 children: Evelyn, 1920; James A., 1925; and Martha Sue, 1934.

Anna Mae, 1899, married W. E. Wickline and had 4 children: Edna Fay, 1924; Lee E., 1926; Anna C., 1928; and Wade O., 1930.

4-Mary *Ellen*, 1861. Married W. P. Jones and had 12 children: Roenna, Morfet, Walter, Oscar, Annabel, Roscoe, Eleanor, Hubert, Homer Lonnie, Claudie, Dorsey.

5-*Charles E.*, 1866-1899. Married Emma Arnett and had 2 children: Parker, Henry.

6-*Henry H.*, 1867-1936. Married Mary Sarvey and had 8 children: Orvel, Hatty, Everett, Pearl, David, Beulah, Nellie, Virgie.

7-Rufus E.-1875_____

8-*Wilbert H.*, 1877. Married Lilly - and had 2 children: Carroll, Albert.

9-*Woodson L.*, 1879. Married Edith Andrews and had 7 children: Raymond, Ruby, "Shorty," Myrtle, Beulah, Marlow, Norman.

10-*Ida Mae*, 1880-1895.

11-*Martin E.*, 1883-1891

12-*Allen H.*, 1885_____. Married Nellie Myers. No children.

13-*Lillian*, 1887. Married E. G. Reynolds-1 child, Leslie.

14-James A., 1891. Married Kate Herring and had 2 children: Agnes, Maxwell.

3-DELILAH of Charles, 1833____. Married Golson Mann of Jacob, of Jacob, of Jacob, Sr., and Barbary (Miller) and had 3 children: William, Mary, and Jenny. No further record.

4-JANE, of Charles, 1838. Married Freel Adkins and went to Kansas.

5-RHODA, of Charles, 1842-1938. Married 1st, Eph. Baumgardner and had 1 child, Charles, who married Mary Carter, lived at Sartan, W.Va., and had several children, but no further record. Married 2nd, James Harvey and had 2 children, Louisa and William. Louisa married John Harvey and had 5 children:

Eliza, 1882, married Wm. Willy and had a family.

John, Jr., 1884, married Bessie Broyles, and had a family.

Elmer, born about 1886, married Effie Copeland of William.

Arthur, born about 1888, married a Garten.

Hobert, born about 1890, married a Mitchell.

WILLIAM (DICK) HARVEY, born about 1882, son of Rhoda, of Charles Miller, married Ada Copeland (Sister of Effie) of William, and had 2 children, namely, Eva and Mary.

6-ANDERSON, of Charles, was born 1844; married Mary Mitchell and had a number of children, among them being:

James (Jim), 1870, married Laura Canterbury. No children.

Elizabeth, 1873, married Will Adkins and went to Kansas.

Wootson, 1875, and Joseph (Joe). We have no record of Joe, but

Wootson married twice; first, Jane Goode and had 5 children: 1-Rayburn, 1904; 2-Lester, 1906; 3-Howard, 1908; 4-Emmett, 1910; 5-Mary, 1912.

Second, he married Mag Copeland, daughter of Emeline and Letcher Copeland. No children that we know of.

This completes the genealogy of Charles Miller, of Henry, Senior, of John, Senior, of Jacob, who came from Germany.

CHAPTER TEN

MOSES MILLER, SON OF HENRY, SR., AND HIS POSTERITY

We do not have the date of his birth or death, but he married Susan Keaton, lived and died in the vicinity of the old home place, but not on it as his father sold his part to the Peck family. As far as I can ascertain, he owned no place (farm), but moved here and there throughout his life. They raised a family of six children that we have record of, as follows (No dates available.) Revision: Moses possibly lived and died in one of the smaller land grants recorded in Chapter 4.

1-Irvin

3-Emily

5-Isaac

2-Marinda

4--George, 1851

6-Wilson

1-IRVIN, married a daughter of George A. Mann and had 1 child, Andrew. Andrew married a sister of Hugh and Henry Peck and had several children. We do not have their names or further history.

2-MARINDA-Never married.

- 3-EMILY, married Rev. Jack Cummings and had 9 children, as follows:
- 1-Alice (Ally) married Willison Tolbert and had 6 or 8 children.
 - 2-Robert (Bob). Never married.
 - 3-Tiff, married Etta Underwood, sister of George, and had several children.
 - 4-Mary, married Jack Tolbert, brother of Willison-no children.
 - 5-Nanny, married a Walters and raised a large family. They lived in the New River coal fields.
 - 6-Laura, married Lewis Miller, my father, as his third wife. See Lewis A. Miller, of Henry, Jr., Chapter 12.
 - 7-Vienna. (Vena), never married that I know of.
 - 7-Emma, married Lloyd Harvey and raised a family.
 - 9-Amanda, married a Harvey and raised a family.
- 4-GEORGE "FIDDLER," 1851, married Martha Burdette and raised a family of 8 children, as follows:
- 1-Isaac, married a Norris and had 2 children: Harold and Irvin.
 - 2-Thompson, married a Campbell and raised a large family.
 - 3-Burley, married a daughter of Charles Lively and had several children. We have the names of the following:
 - Ellen, married Richard Tolbert;
 - Leonard, married Virgie Miller;
 - Glenna, married Emmet Miller and had several children.
 - 4-Luther, married a Wikel (Wykle).
 - 5-Sidney (Sid), married a Smith.
 - 6-Rosser, married a Miller.
 - 7-Alice, married W. S. Mann.
 - 8-Ella, married Charles Mann.
- 5-ISAAC, married Eliza Jane Miller, of William of Adam. They had the following children and family:
- 1-Marinda Bell, 1866-1930. Never married.
 - 2-Mary, 1869, married Allen Green and had 6 children, as follows:
 - 1-Lundy -
 - 2-Luther, married Willa Neeley and had 4 children: Elva, Mary, Ruth and Ruby.
 - 3-Lizzy, married twice 1st, William Cole, and 2nd, Dow Lilly. She had 6 children, whether Coles or Lillys I don't know, but their names follow: Ray, Ralph, Russell, Edward, Billy and Loretta.
 - 4-Lottie, married Asal Cooper and had 3 children: Elbert, Kyle, and Fred Lee.
 - 5-Lonnie, married Bonny Voght and had 1 child, Delene.
 - 6-Lucy, married Tom Maye.
 - 3---Eliza, 1871, married George Underwood and had three children: Arthur, Charles and Lilly.
 - Arthur married Ethel Copeland of Emeline (Miller) and Letch, and had 2 children: Neva and Lillian.
 - Charles married Bertha Miller-no children listed.

Lilly married Chase Ellison and had 1 child, Thelma, who married Oscar Bateman.

4-Lucy, 1874, married Will Martin. They had six children and five grandchildren listed, as follows: 1-Hester; 2-Edgar; 3-Isaac; 4-Theodore; 5-Kay; 6-Ira W., married Stella Miller and had 4 children, namely: Dora Lee, Dolly, Ira W., and Gay McVey.

5-Elbert, 1877, never married (born a "Hump Back").

6-Ocie, 1880, married John Campbell and had 7 children: 1-Bessie, married Charles Cummins.

2-Eliza; 3-Sylvia; 4-Florence; 5-Dewey. 6--Cecil, married a Dillon.

7-Leonard, married Blanch Miller and had 5 children: Raymond C., Ruth, Ray, Ralph, Rachel.

This concludes the family of Isaac Miller, of Moses, of Henry, Sr., etc.

6-WILSON, son of Moses Miller, was born October 16, 1844, and died March 21, 1898 of paralysis. He married Rebecca Campbell and had 14 children (3 died young and not mentioned here). Their children:

1-John C., 1864, now 88 years old and in good health (Oct. 15, 1952). Married twice. His first wife, Lilly Miller, daughter of Samuel Silas, Sr., of Adam, of John Sr., bore him 7 children named next below with their families, as follows:

1-Ray, 1891, married, 1st, Anna Panabaker; 2nd, Amy Hines. No children.

2-Bessie, 1893-1896.

3-Florence, 1895, married Fred Wesley and had 3 children: Lilly Irene and Glenna.

4-Dewey, 1898, married Helen Clatworthy-no children.

5-John Clide, 1900, married Mamie Broyles and had 2 children: Junior, married a Mitchell, and Ruth, married a Quinn.

6-Dorsey Gordon, 1904, married Anna Bohon-no children.

7-Katherine - married Geo. Dillon. 1 child, Joe Ann.

John C. married his second wife, Lennie Keatley, when they were at an advanced age, consequently had no children. I understand these two were sweethearts when they were young, but drifted apart and each married another. However, in the course of time each of their companions died, the old romance was renewed, they married and lived happily ever afterwards.

2-LYDIA SUSAN, 1866-1942, married J. D. Wickline and had 10 children: Maroney, Maggie, Grover, Sammy, George, Hunter, Lilly Bell, Rosa May and Stella.

3-MARY ANN, 1868-1890. Never married.

4-ANDREW IRVIN, 1871-1925, married Etta Mann and had 3 children: 1-Dorothy, 2-Pearl, married a Brown, and Blanche, married a Wikel.

5-WILLIAM PRESTON, 1873-1943, (m) Mollie Copeland and had 4 children: 1-Rosser, 2-Lannie, 3-Francis, 4-Nellie.

6-HENRY MOSES, 1875, (m) Irene Hanna and had 5 children: 1-Henry, 2-Mary, 3--Christine, 4-Agnes, 5-Ethel.

7-SIDNEY, 1875-1948, twin to Henry, (m) Guss Biggs and had 6 children: 1--Guy, 2-Mason, 3-Lee, 4-Ollie, 5-Tony, 6-Waitman.

8-LUNDY MELTON, 1877, (m) Lucy May Beard and had children as follows: 1--Cecil Ray, 1904-1904; 2-Palmer Beard, 1906; 3--Olin Richard, 1909; 4-Lillian Margaret, 1911-(3 sets of twins); 5-Evelyn May; 6-Ethelyn Faye, died 1914; 7-John Glenden, 1915; 8-Ruby Carrie; 9-Ruth Rebecca, died 1918; 10; Geniene; 11-Madeline, 1919.

Palmer married Lucille Gray and had 2 children: Barbary Lou and Dolores Ann.

Olin married Helen Pence-no children.

Lillian married Paul Skaggs and had 7 children, 3 dead. Others: Donald Lee, Tommy, Carol, and Paul, Jr.

Evelyn May married Charles Bowerson and had 2 children: one dead and one, Catherine Sue, living.

John Glenden married Lillian Trapasso and had 2 children: Robert Milton and John Richard.

Ruby married Carl Jordan and had 4 children: Eddie, Norma Jean, Rita Kay, and Lucy Mae. 0

Genevieve (correction) Geniene Married John Lusk-no children.

Madeline married Frank Looney-no children.

9-WELLINGTON COMER MILLER, 1879-1923, (m) Carrie Elizabeth Bellew and had 5 children: 1-William Gardner, Dec. 27, 1908; 2-Wallace Bowers, March 24, 1911; 3-Thelma Rebecca, June 17, 1913; 4-Garnet Bellew, Nov. 18, 1915; 5-Dorothy Estell, Sept. 23, 1918.

1-William married Gladys Brown Harris, Oct. 10, 1931, and had the following children: William Davis, Sept. 21, 1932; Norma Elizabeth, June 6, 1936; Betty Lucile, Aug. 8, 1940.

3-Thelma married Emmett Angelo Payne, Feb. 22, 1946.

4-Dorothy married Emmett Aron Harris, Aug. 15, 1938, and had 1 child, John Wellington, born Oct. 31, 1940.

5-Garnet Bellew married Violet Rea Dec. 23, 1944, and had 1 child, Marcus Duane, born June 5, 1950.

10-RICHARD SHANKLIN, 1881-1921. Never married (Doctor Miller).

11-LIZZIE (1885-1918 (m) Fred Mann and had 3 children; Gladys, Thelma, and Katherine.

12-NEWTON C., 1886. Married Roxie Cummings and had 7 children: Ona, Melvea, Betty Jo, Louisa, Gaines, Kelley and Lewis.

This concludes the family of Moses Miller.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE FAMILY OF HENRY MILLER, JR., SON OF HENRY MILLER, SR., GRAND-SON OF JOHN MILLER, SR., AND GREAT GRAND-SON OF JACOB MILLER, WHO CAME FROM GERMANY IN 1715

HENRY MILLER, JR., 1820-1888, Grand Father of the writer, was born at the old homestead on Indian Creek, and lived in that vicinity his entire life. I am giving his posterity complete in this chapter with the exception of my father's family.

I was 8 years old when Grandfather Miller died and remember him very well. He died of cancer, as did my father. While I understand cancer is not hereditary, here is a bit of history worthy of note: Grandfather's death was ultimately caused by cancer, known then as "Rose" cancer, at the age of 68. My father died from a "Tobacco" cancer which started in his mouth, at the age of 66. At the age of 67 the writer had a growth cut out of his neck which analyzed "Cancer" in a malignant state, and spreading fast, but I am still living and in excellent health at the age of 73 next birthday. This is the answer: I am a devout Christian, having served my church as local and district secretary since 1918, and firmly believe in Divine Healing as taught and practiced by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, while here on earth and as recorded in the New Testament Scriptures. After having the growth cut out and taking X-ray treatments, I called in the elders of my church, as instructed in James, chapter 5, verses 14 and 15, had them anoint me with oil and pray over me, and the Lord vindicated His word by completely healing me. That was more than six years ago--and should I not praise Him and follow Him closely? Certainly!

GRANDFATHER MILLER married twice 1st, Delilah Biggs who gave birth to 10 children, as follows:

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| 1-Elizabeth, 1841-1849 | 5-Eli P. 1849-1933 |
| 2-Amanda, 1842-1912 | 6-Lewis A., 1851-1917 |
| 3-Caroline, 1844-1921 | 7-Rhoda, 1853-1923 |
| 4-Polly, 1847-1850 | 8-Henry T., 1855-1862 |
| 9, 10-Allen, Henry, 1857, twins--died at birth. | |

2nd, Anna Harvey, who gave birth to 1 child-Emeline, 1860-1934.

AUNT AMANDA married Marshall Mann and raised 11 children: 1-Jarret, 2-Price, 3-Willie, 4-Allen, 5-Ella, 6-Lilly, 7-Lona, 8-Bub, 9--Cass, 10-Lacy, 11-Estel.

AUNT RHODA married Henry Young and had 3 children: 1-Walter, 2-Hetty, 3-May.

UNCLE ELI P. married Marinda Comer, a niece of my grandfather Samuel Comer. They had 2 children, Rose and Mae, neither married.

AUNT CAROLINE married Joseph Copeland. They had no children, but she had a son before wedlock named Wilson (Wilsie). Aunt Caroline was a good woman, a good wife and a good neighbor.

Wilsie Miller, married twice, was born 1868 and died 1951. His first wife, Amanda Mann, lived to past middle age and gave birth to 10 children, named as follows:

- 1--Clifton, married and had 2 children, Ova and Hobert.
- 2-Lomie, married, 2 children, Glendon and Kenneth.
- 3-Joe, married, 2 children, Waldo and Thomas.
- 4-Milby, married, 3 children, Louise, Irwin and Russell.
- 5-Freddy, married, 5 children, Helen, Juanita, Howard, Harold and Kathleen.
- 6-Luther, married, 1 child, Francis.
- 7-Nannie, married a Henderson and had 3 children, Earl, Donald and Wilma.
- 9-Howard, married, 2 children, Shelba and Jean.
- 9-Beulah, married a Collins and had 3 children, Mary Jane, Paul and Fredda.
- 10-Anna May, married Della Mann and had 4 children, Louise, Floyd, Harold, Herman.

Wilsie's second wife, Anna Mann, had no children.

AUNT EMELINE married Andrew Letcher Copeland, a brother of Joseph, Caroline's husband. They had 9 children as follows:

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| 1-Henry Estel, 1879-1946 | 5-Ethel H., 1893- |
| 2-Maggie, 1881- | 6-Mattie, 1895-1932 |
| 3-William Oscar, 1884- | 7-Della, 1897-1927 |
| 4-Anna, 1886-1949 | 8-Audra, 1906- |
| | 9-Leonard |

Henry Estel married Lucy Houchins and had 5 children, as follows:

- 1-Karl, 1903, married Katherine Baker. No children.
- 2-Omer H., 1905, married Pauline Fomu. No children.
- 3-Neva M., 1909, married Courtney Pugh. One child, Polly, 1930.
- 4-Nellie M., 1910, married James Russell. One child, Peggy, 1934.
- 5-Robert E., 1916.

Maggie married Wootson Miller, a distant cousin. No children.

William Oscar married Maroney Wickline, whose mother was a daughter of Wilson Miller, of Mose, of Henry, Sr. They had 12 children, as follows:

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| Cecil A., 1905 | Pearl, 1913 | William Oscar, Jr., 1922 |
| Glenna, 1907 | Richard L., 1915 | Calvin, 1925 |
| Luretta, 1909 | Anna M., 1918 | Kenneth, 1927 |
| Charlie L., 1911 | Herbert, 1920 | Robert, 1929. |

Glenna married Sherman Suttle and had 6 children, as follows:

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| Oscar S., 1926 | Kyle, 1928-Died | Billie, 1933 |
| Ethelene, 1927 | Ivan, 1931 | Freeman _____ |

Anna Mae married Howard Long and had 2 children: Alma, 1934, and Norma, 1936.

Luretta married Luther Thomasson and had 2 children: Mildred, 1927, and Clyde, 1930.

Pearl married Lester J. Miller and had 2 children, Louise, 1920, and Lester Dean, 1933.

ETHEL H., married Arthur L. Underwood and had 2 children:

Neva Mae, 1913, married Leonard Broyles. Neva had 2 children: Bobby Ray, 1934, and Thomas Gray, 1935.

Lillian Gray, 1916, married Arch Belchet. No children.

MATTIE, married David Miller, a half brother of the writer. (See Chapter 12.)

DELLA, married Wellie Mann and had 2 children: Hubert O., 1907, who married Zelma Helvey and had 3 children: and Annie Pearl, 1908, who married Other Thompson and had 2 children, Ruby and Eloise. Della and her husband are both dead--died young.

AUDRY, married F. Overton Gill and had 3 children: Francis Ora, James O., and Anna Lee, born 1927, 1929 and 1931, respectively.

This concludes the family of Henry Miller, Jr., son of Henry Miller, Sr., of John Miller, Sr., of Jacob Miller, Sr., with the exception of the family of Lewis Alexander Miller, whose family is recorded in Chapter 12, next following.

CHAPTER TWELVE

MY FATHER'S FAMILY

My father, Lewis Alexander Miller, was born in 1851 and died in 1917. He was a slender man of very quick action, height about 5 ft., 10 inches, weight around 140 pounds, and very energetic. He had a keen intellect with good judgment; a man whom his neighbors could trust and go to for advice, and as a friend in time of trouble. He was charitable and always ready to help his neighbor in sickness, sorrow and death. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and I as a boy remember him leading the church singing. They had services once a month, and we never missed going. I trust to see him in Heaven. We called him "Pa."

Pa was married three times, His first wife, my mother, Nancy, 1857, was the eldest daughter of Samuel Comer, the Comers being one of the oldest families in Monroe County, and very closely connected through marriage to the descendants of the Jacob Miller family. (See Chapter 14. Also Adam (Jr.) Miller in Chapter 13.) They were married in the year 1875 or '76, and had three children:

Leiton Edgar, born September 30, 1877, still living.

Everett Wayne, born March 21, 1880.

Eldridge Purington, born in March 1882 (died of brain fever in childhood). Mother never recovered from giving birth to Eldreige, but died with child bed fever April 10th.

His second wife was Ernestine Ballard, 1867-1887, daughter of Rev. Riley, a Primitive Baptist preacher, and pastor of the Flatwoods church where we went to church. By this marriage they had two children:

Elvin Luther, born August 30, 1885, still living, and

Emma Belle, born 1887, died 1933.

His third wife was Laura, 1867-1937, daughter of Rev. Jack Cummings, a Primitive Baptist preacher, and Emily (Miller). To this union were born 7 children as follows:

1--Charley Thomas	3-David	5-Henry J.
2-Andrew Ray	4-Una	6-Roy
		7-Addison

Laura survived Pa a number of years, but never married again. She lived with Addison, the youngest child, to whom was willed the home place as a consideration for keeping his mother. This "home place" was in the Flat Woods, and the original land Pa bought from his father-in-law when he married my mother. This was a beautiful homestead, containing about 25 acres of land and a large 8-room frame dwelling which we built when I was in the teens

In the following pages I give the families of all his children.

THE FAMILY OF LEITON EDGAR MILLER, of Beckley, W. Va

Leiton married Nellie Gray Harvey, daughter of Mancer, in 1902 and had eight children as follows: (They now live in Beckley, W. Va.)

Cecil Lee, 1903, married Willie Evelyn Weatherford of Oak Hill, W. Va., and had 2 children-Don Lee and Mark Edward.

Glenna Maude, 1904 married John Henry McCann of Baltimore, Md. No children.

Nina Marie, 1907, married William Clair Rogers of Princeton, W. Va., and had 2 children-Reba Joyce and Sheila Gay. Reba Joyce married Robert Ivan Estep of Beckley, W. Va.

Inez Lucile, 1910, married Albert Palmer Farley of Beckley, W. Va., and had one child-Albert Palmer II

Ova Margaret, 1914, not married.

Alene Gray, 1918, married Lewis Howard Kittle of Elkins, W. Va., and had 2 children-Lewis Howard III, and Sheridan Wendell.

Leiton Edgar II, 1920, married Anna Geraldine Hughes of Beckley (now divorced) and had 2 children-Leiton Edgar III and Barbary Sue.

Harold Wendell, 1923, married Mary Ellen Baker of Chicago, ILL., and had 2 children-Vicki Lynn and Michael Patrick.

THE FAMILY OF THE WRITER, EVERETT WAYNE MILLER, Huntington, W. Va.

Married Nina Margaret Seldomridge, of Caldwell, W. Va., February 27, 1907, and had 8 children (two sets of twin boys).

The eldest, John Wayne, 1908, married Blondel Louise Turner, of Huntington, and had 3 children-Joandel Louise, 1930; "Buddie," who died at the age of 2, and Nina Lee, born 1941.

Joandel married Richard Joyce of Huntington at the age of 18 and now has two children-Richard Wayne and Mark Edward.

Second-Margaret Carmen, 1912, married James Greeson, son of Rev. Paul H. Greeson, now of Hickory, N. C. They have 3 children-Philip Hartwell, Anna Margaret and Deborah Louise. July 19, 1952-another boy born: James Timothy.

Third-Linden Lewis and Glendon Goodlow, twins, 1914. Glendon died in 1915, age 16 months. Linden married Verniece Donley-no children.

Fourth-Norman Lea, 1916, married Barbara Jean Barnett and has 2 children, Stephen Lee and Edgar Wayne.

Fifth-Sallie Maxine, 1919, married Emmette Lee Wright of Huntington and has 2 children-Janice Gale, and David Lee.

Sixth-Eugene Ronald and Ernest Donald, twins, born 1921. Ernest died when 2 months old. Eugene married; first, Mildred Cole and they had 3 children - Ronald, Barbary and Frederick. Mildred left her home, which they owned, early in 1950 and took up residence elsewhere in our city. After Eugene tried to get her to come back without avail, he sued and got a divorce with full custody of the children. That fall, in November, he married Jessie RuLong of Huntington, a widow without children, who is mothering Mildred's children the same as if they were her own - a wonderful woman I must say.

Thus ends the records of my individual family. However, I think it appropriate that I record here that all of my children live in Huntington and own their own homes.

John Wayne and Carmen's husband are co-owners with me in the Miller Paint Mfg. Company, a very thriving business, and Norman is local salesman for us with managing duties in our local paint store. Linden and Eugene have well paying jobs at Houdaille-Hershey Co. here and Sally's husband, Emmette, is draftsman with Castle Show Case Co., Ashland, Ky.

THE FAMILY OF ELVIN LUTHER MILLER of Washington, D. C.

Elvin married Marie V. Cook, of Flemingsburg, Ky., about 1910, while he lived in Huntington and was engaged in the real estate business. After the financial crash in the late twenties, when he lost everything he had, they went to Peru, South America, with a construction company, and after staying there until they finished their work, about 3 years, they returned to New York City, and later to Washington, D. C., where they still live. They have no children.

THE FAMILY OF EMMA BELLE of Greenville, Monroe County, W. Va.

Emma married Frank Mann, who owns a farm there, and they had 2 children -Leonard W. and Franklin, both born in the twenties.

Leonard T. married Esther Lutz, of near Lancaster, Ohio. They have one child, Stephen Leonard, born 1950. Leonard went to Asbury College, became a minister of the gospel, and is now pastoring a large Methodist church in Columbus, Ohio.

Franklin was in the Air Corps in World War Two and advanced to the office of First Lieutenant. After the war he was retained as an instructor, located in California. 'While there he met and married Lila (Toby) Acker and now has

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1 child, Timothy Arthur, born August 17, 1951. Franklin is a graduate of the West Virginia University of Morgantown, W. Va., and at the present time is the principal of a public school at or near Weed, California.

This completes the family of Lewis A. Miller down to his third wife, Laura Cummings Miller, whom he married in August 1889. Since Laura's children are somewhat scattered, I do not have as complete record of them as I would like to have, but the following are the complete records as I have them:

THE CHILDREN OF LAURA, THIRD WIFE OF LEWIS A. MILLER,
GIVEN BY FAMILIES

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES THOMAS MILLER, born July 21, 1890:

Married Mamie Ellison October 15, 1913, and had 4 children, as follows:

- 1-Evelyn Ellison, July 4, 1914, married Curtis F. Walters Dec. 20, 1935-no children.
- 2 -Charles Athens, single, born May 2, 1916.
- 3-Mamie Marie, August 23, 1918, married Braxton Emerson Bragg, August 3, 1936-1 child, Janet Marie, February 4, 1939.
- 4-Ruby Mae, single, born February 12, 1927.

THE FAMILY OF ANDY RAY, 1892:

Married Lula Evans and had 4 children, as follows:

- 1-Homer Ophir, March 26, 1919, married Violet Hudson June 29, 1943-1 child, Darrell Glenn, March 4, 1945.
- 2-Herbert Ray, February 1, 1921, single.
- 3-Rudolph J., August 26, 1923, married Jane Whitelock June 24, 1950.
- 4-Arminta Madeline, Dec. 14, 1928, single

THE FAMILY OF HENRY JACK, 1893:

Married Lilly Mann and had 2 children:

- 1-Robert, 1917, married and divorced (so reported).
- 2-Lena, 1919, married and divorced (so reported).

THE FAMILY OF DAVID, 1895-1944:

Married twice. First, Mattie Copeland of Emeline and Letch. Two children born this union:

- 1-Herman, married-no children.
- 2-Raymond, married-3 children: 2 boys and 1 girl.

After Mattie died Davy married Hallie Brown - no children.

THE FAMILY OF UNA, born 1895:

Married George Evans, brother of Ray's wife Lula. They had 3 children:

- 1-James, 1917, married Frances McGhee-1 child, Patty Jo, 1940.
- 2-Allen, 1923, married Mildred Schroder-1 child, Allen, Jr., 1950.
- 3-George, Jr., 1935, married-2 children, both dead.

THE FAMILY OF ROY, born 1900:

Married Lucy Mann, of Elmer and Nettie (Copeland). Had 6 children:

- 1-Ralph, 1921, not married.
- 2-Juanite, 1925, married George Thomas-1 child, Lynn Beatrice, 1952.
- 3-Randolph, 1927, married Edna Burks 3 children, Gregory Randolph, 1950, Edward Wayne, 1959 and Debbie Lee, 1965.

- 4-Jean, 1930, married Lonnie Miller - one child, Connie Jean, 1951.
- 5-Elvin, 1932. married Kate Lucas – 3 children, Patricia Kay, Jeffery Lewis, 1958 and Dennis Lee, 1961
- 6-Michael, 1941.

THE FAMILY OF ADDISON, 1902:

Married Mary Veste in 1927 and had 8 children:

- Harold Lewis, 1929; Leon Addilee, 1931; Jackie, 1933, Ruth Ann, 1936;
- Thomas, 1938; Linda, 1941; Ellen, 1944; and Billie Gene, 1950.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

POSTERITY OF ADAM MILLER, SON OF JOHN MILLER, SR.

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Adam Miller was born in 1778, more than likely in Cook's Fort on Indian Creek as this was in the time of the Revolutionary War and the Indians were roaming the forests at will. (See history by Samuel Miller in part two of this book.) He died in 1844 at his home on Hans Creek. When 36 years of age he married Miss Letha Canterbury and had 8 children, as follows:

- 1-Anderson, 1815-1842. Never married.
- 2-John 1817-1877. Married Lucy Mann and had 2 children.
- 3-Samuel Silas, Sr., 1819-1896. Married Susan Ballard, had 10 children.
- 4-William C., 1821-1882. Married Mary Thompson, had 6 children.
- 5-Adam, Jr., 1823-1896. Married Martha Comer, had 6 children.
- 6-Nancy, 1826-1899. Married Robert Lavander, no children.
- 7-Elizabeth, 1829-1905. Married Whetson Green, had 5 children. No further record.
- 8-Mary J., 1831-1899. Married Henderson Canterbury. No further record.

*2-The Family of John, of Adam, and Lucy--*They had 2 children, Overton and Allen, and moved to Boone County, W. Va., where Overton died young and Allen married Mary Jane Kessinger and had 6 children as follows:

- 1-John Jr.; 2-Arthur; 3--George; 4-Anna, married Van DeLinde; 5-Lucy, married H. R. Journal; 6-Margaret, married Angelo Bullio. We have no further record of this family.

*3-The Family of Samuel Silas, Sr., of Adam, and Susan-*They had 10 children:

- 1-Levina Katherine, 1844-1844; died with croup.
- 2-Hugh B., 1845-1894, married Elizabeth Ballard and had 2 children:
 - 1-Oscar ; 2-Lizzie, married - Humphreys.
- 3-Stewart, 1847-1910, married Martha Mann and had 3 children:
 - 1-Levina Ellen, 1870, who married Wm. Humphreys and had 7 children:
 - Kate (m) a Robertson and had 2 children: Jimmie and June.
 - Ruth (m) a Cook and had 2 children: David and Sister.
 - Gladys, (m) a Mr. Ball and had 6 children: John A., Bernise, Lillian, Billie, Glenn and Jimmie.
 - Elvisa, (m) a Gilkerson _____
 - Eula, (m) a Humphreys and had 1 child: Jacqualin.
 - Edmond L., married and had 2 children: Betty and Jack.

- May, married a Lawrence and had 2 children: Joseph, Dorst, Pauline, Alfred, Betty, Bettie Sue and Lou.
- 5-Rose, 1875, (m) Chas. Humphreys and had 4 children:
 Cyrus N. ____; Lucy G. ____
 Roxie, 1894, (m) ____Forbes. 2 children: Russell and James R.
 Bettie, 1897, (m) a Forbes also and had 4 children: Edwin, Chas. Lee, Evelyn and Madeline.
- 3-Cyrus N., 1876-1936, (m) Lizzie Houchins and had 2 children. They lived in Huntington.
 Glen (m) Mildred Shide, but was killed by an automobile in 1937 in front of their home.
 Luther, (m) twice 1st, Rhoda Sidenstricker-no children; 2nd (m) Peggy Shannon-Children . . .
- 4-John Gaston, 1850, (m) 3 times-1st, Alcesta Mann; 2nd, Lucreta Cook; 3rd, Rebecca Harry, and had the following children, grand children and great grandchildren:
 1-Amanda, 1875, (m) twice-1st, Geo. McClelland Mann; and 2nd, Lonnie Weatherford. No children recorded.
 2-George Edgar, 1876, married Ellen Smith. No children recorded. 3-Samuel Reuben, 1878, married Dora C. Thompson, had 9 children:
 1-Harriet, 1900 (m) Paul Dillon and had 5 children: Elwood, Kenneth Wayne, Myrtle Katherine, James Paul, and Bryan Webb.
 2-Susan, 1902, (m) E. L. Campbell-6 children: Rosie, Lonnie R., Anna Ruth, Raymond L., Ralph R., and Rachel L.
 3-Stella, 1904 (m) J. W. Martin-4 children: J. W. Jr., Dollie, Dorlee, and Grey McVey
 4-Samuel W., 1907, (m) Elsie Helvy--4 children: McClure, Blaine R., Betty Lew and Bobby Louis.
 5--Charles W., 1911 -----
 6-Hugh G., 1913 -----
 7-Zenith, 1916 (m) Claude Milton-1 child: Teddy Gray.
 8-Arthur D., 1920 -----
 9-Mark Thompson, 1923.
- 4-Charlie, 1881-1889.
 5-Robert, 1883, (m) Clauda Jones -----
 6-Bessie, 1898, (m) -----Morgan -----
 7-Bertha, 1900, (m) Reuben Humphreys (Rube) ----- Bessie and Bertha were children by his second wife, Lucreta. The others were by his first wife, Alcesta. No children by his third wife, Rebecca Harry.
- 5--George Cyrus, 1852, (m) Elizabeth Ellison-7 children:
 1-Virginia, 1875, (m) Theodore Elling -----
 2-Lennie Susan, 1879.
 3-Emma Fay -----
 4-Oma--died young.
 5-Walter Lee, 1881, (m) Bonnie Chalfont-3 children: Virginia Dare, Robert Hayden, and Raymond. Raymond (m) a Bailey and had 1 child, Margaret.
 6-Rose, 1884, (m) Elbert Broyles -----
 7-Anna Mae, (m) J. Harvey Cox -----

- 6-Andrew Plunkett, 1855, (m) Alpha Mann of Austin and had 3 children:
 1-Domby, married _____Riley -----

- 2-Victor L., 1882, (m) Nannie Lowe--1 child, Russell.
- 3-Anna, 1884, (m) Will Boone--2 children: Verda and Reta.
- 7-Samuel Silas, Jr., 1857, (m) Josephine Bowling and had 6 children:
 - 1-John King, 1891, (m) Ida Keatley--3 children: Lucy Pearl, Alma Lee and Ruby King.
 - 2-Hallie E., 1892, (m) Clarence Mann-2 children: Glenn and Josephine.
 - 3-Basil North, 1894-1948, (m) Robey Riffe--1 child: Phyllis Jean,
 - 4-Lucy S., 1896-1896.
 - 5-Bertha, 1898, (m) Charles I. Underwood--1 child, (m) M. T. Dickey.
 - 6-Samuel Silas III, 1900, (m) India Mann--1 child: Samuel Silas IIII, (m) Nancy Gracie--1 child: Steven.
- 8-Martha Ann (m) John P. Miller, of George C., of Charles -- (See Chapter 9).
- 9-Sylvester Adam, 1865, (m) Anna L. Ballard of Hugh--6 children:
 - 1-Ruth, 1894 (m) Mason Parker.
 - 2-Hugh B., 1895, (m) Cornelia Connolly.
 - 3-Jenny, 1897, (m) Bryan Miller.
 - 4-Howard, 1900, (m) Dorothy Birch.
 - 5-Richard, 1903-1921.
 - 6-Rachel, 1909, (m) Richard Rocardo.
- 10-Lilly Bell, 1867, (m) John C. Miller of Moses (See Chapter 10). This ends our records of this family.

4--The Family of William Carnifax, of Adam, and Mary Miller:

Their six children by name: Eliza, Eli B., Lucy Ann, John King, Letha and William T.

Their children by family:

- 1-Eliza Jane, 1848, (m) Isaac Miller of Moses (See Chapter 10).
- 2-Eli B., 1850, (m) Martha Mann of George A.--5 children:
 - 1-Henry, 1877, (m) Lilly Comer--5 children: Hazel; Mildred; Aubry (m) Faye Palmer; Ruth (m) Willie H. Mann and had 3 children: Jacquelin, Francis and Willie Carol; Willie Carol (m) Mary Lee Akers and had 1 child, Myrtle, who (m) John Richmond and had 4 children: Myrtle Ann, Ruth Gail, Athlene, and Junior.
 - 2-James (m) Anna Copeland of Emeline and Letcher and had 3 children: James Glenden, 1910, (m) Cleo Thompson and had 2 children: Betty Lou, 1933, and Jo Ann, 1935; Ethel Marie, 1914, and Nellie Alese, 1918.
 - 3-Estel, (m) Emma Spangler and had 3 children: 1--Raymond (m) Bula Castle--1 child, Sibyl Jean; 2-Emma Louise; and 3-Wilson.
 - 4-Anna May, (m) Arch Comer, brother to Henry's wife Lilly--3 children: Harry, Pauline, and Helen.
 - 5-Ada, (m) John Hall--8 children: Herman, Martha, Hallie, Mason, Robert, Ada May, Calvin, and Glen.

- 3-Lucy Ann, 1855, (m) John Wickline--4 children:
 1-Rilda, (m) Willie Mann of Marshall and Amanda Miller Mann.
 2-Wilbur, (m) Laura Baker and had 4 children: Carl; Murl; Emmett, who (m) Edna Voght and had 1 child, Elmer; and Ruth, who (m) Weldon Scott and had 2 children, John and Walter.
 3-Sarah (Sadie) Etta, (m) Wallace Fleshman-2 children: Mattie (m) John Smith, 1-child, Nora Lee; 2-Evelyn (m) Jim Lowe and had 3 children: Zeldie, Bobby and Freda.
 4-Mandana, (m) Zachariah (Jack) Ferguson and had 9 children: 1-Floyd; 2-Carvel; 3--Cecil; 4-Junior; 5-Gerald; 6-Davis; 7-Dorotha (m) George Mann; 8--Corda (m) Carlos Gad; and 9-Nora (m) Edgar Ratliff and had 1 child, Eldridge.
- 4-John King, 1859, (m) Martha Victora Massie (went to Kanawha County). They had 7 children as follows:
 1-Erma, (m) Okey Bowles-3 children: Betta Rae; Norma Jean, and Tommy.
 2-Earl, (m) Marie Clay-3 children: Tommy Earl, Eleanor and Betty.
 3-Garnet, (m) Thomas Eskew-1 child: Marie Ann.
 4-May,(m) Tom Linton--3 children: Mary Francis, Geo. and Gentry.
 5-Pearl, (m) Monroe Pugh--3 children: Mack, Kathleen and Martha May.
 6-Ray, (m) Neva Bragg--1 child: Betty Louise.
 7-Rae, (m) Hinie Heath--no children recorded.
- 5-Letha, 1862. Married William C. Martin--no children.
- 6-William Thompson, 1866, (m) Minnie Mann and went to Bedford County, Virginia. They had 5 children as follows: Hettie, Ada, George, Boyle, and William Thompson, Jr., who married and had 4 children, as follows:
 1-Ada, (m) a Coleman--4 children: Beatrice, William J., Emma, and Wayne.
 2-George Doyle, (m)--4 children: Maxine, Mervins, George D., Jr., and Mary Frances.
 3-Hettie, (m) a Smith--6 children: Eugene, Doris, Evelyn, Marie, Calvin and Lucile.
 4-William Lewis, married and had 3 children: Willie L., Jr., Garland Everett, and Nancy Bell.
- End of our records of this family.

5-The Family of Adam Miller, Jr., and Martha Comer Miller.

Adam, Jr., of Adam, Sr., of John, Sr., of Jacob, who came from Germany, was born at the old homestead on Indian Creek. When but a child his father Adam moved to Hans Creek, just a few miles to the west and there established a home, where Adam, Jr., grew to manhood. In 1845 at the age of 23 he married MARTHA COMER, daughter of Frederick Comer and sister of my mother's father, Samuel H. Comer. To this union 13 children were born as named below, except two that died in infancy.

After living on his father's farm a few years he moved to Raleigh County,

then to Logan County; thence to Boone County about the year 1857 and settled on Hewetts Creek, where he lived with his family until 1875 when he moved to Lincoln County and settled near Myra, where he died March 2, 1896.

Their Children:

1-Anderson Martin, 1846	5-Virginia, 1855	9-Lethia E., 1859
2-William A., 1848	6-James Davis, 1861	10-Alice*, 1868
3-Nancy Jane, 1849	7-Adam Lee*, 1864	11-George F.,* 1873
4-John L., 1853	8-Joseph D.,* 1865	(*Still Living, 1952)

1---ANDERSON M., (m) Mary Yantes Elkins and had 15 children--8 dead, 7 living.

Their Children:

1 -L. H.	5-Martha E*	9-James M.	13-Cora E.
2-Rebecca	6-Cleophas*	10-john W.	14-Anna M.*
3-Overton R.	7-Henry E.	11-Laura S.	15-Gilbert*
4-Laurhesa*	8-Rosella	12-Noah Albert*	(*Living-1952)

We do not have record of either of Adam and Martha's 10 other children. However, we do have the following record of Gilbert Miller's family, youngest child of Anderson and Mary, as given by him in 1952, as follows:

The Family of Rev. Gilbert Miller, son of Anderson and Mary Miller and grandson of Adam and Martha (Comer) Miller: (Date Dec. 12, 1952)

Rev. Gilbert Miller, a Primitive Baptist, lives at Branchland, W. Va., Rt. 2, was born 1888, married Nancy S. Edwards in 1909 and had 8 children:

1--Cecil J.	3-James A.	5-Gilbert, Jr.	7-Mary E.
2-Opal A.	4-John M.	6-Homer A.	8-Martha A.

Cecil, 1911, (m) Gladys Plumley and had 6 children: Patricia, 1941; Jimmie, 1942; Billie, 1944; Terry, 1946; Bonnie, 1949; Dana, 1952.

Opal, 1915, (m) Chauncy R. Lucas and had 10 children: Fred, 1934; Chauncy, 1935; Wayne, 1936; Dale, 1937; Esther, 1938; James, 1941; Allen, 1943; Karen, 1944; Sharon, 1946; Roger, 1950.

James Albert, 1918, (m) Idel Franklin and had 7 children: Russel Gene, 1940 Larry Lee, 1944; Diana Sue, 1945; Charles Allen, 1948; Marvin Dennis, 1950; Donald Ray and Donna Kay, April 9, 1952 (twins).

John, 1920 (m) Delphia Adkins and had 2 children: Phyllis Elaine, 1947; Ruth Gayla, 1949.

Gilbert, Jr., 1921, (m) Celia Atkins and had 2 children: Carolyn Ann, 1946; William Phillips, 1949.

Homer A., 1923, (m) Grethel Adkins and had 7 children: Johnnie Allen, 1944; Mary jean, 1945; Rose Helen, 1946; Jane Ellen, 1947---dead; Kay Francis, 1949; James Albert, 1950; Paul Mitchell, 1951.

Mary, 1925, (m) Lester Wells and had 3 children: Zinda Kay, 1948; Dorris Gean, 1949; Danny Ray, 1951.

Martha, 1928, (m) Warren Elliott and had 1 child: Howard Lee, 1951.

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6-*The Family of Nancy of Adam and Robert Lavander*--None to record.

7-*The Family of Elizabeth of Adam and Whetson Green*.

They lived in Raleigh County, and there were 5 children that grew to adult age, but we have no further record.

8-*The Family of Mary J. of Adam and Henderson Canterbury*.

They went to Logan County about the year 1860, but we have no further record of this family.

This finishes the record of Adam Miller, Sr., of John Miller, Sr., of Jacob Miller, who came from Germany, and his descendants, as far as we have been able to obtain them, January 1, 1952.

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DANIEL AND ELIZABETH COMER MILLER, THEIR CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN

(8-A)

DANIEL, 8th child of John Miller, Sr., was born in 1782, either in the Cook fork on Indian Creek or on the old farm, and died in 1862 on Turtle Creek, Boone County, W. Va., where he moved about the year of 1910. He married Elizabeth Comer, daughter of Augustus Comer, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a sister of Frederick Comer, the writer's great grandfather of his mother's family. They moved from Monroe County to Logan County about the year of 1910, and then on to Boone County, a short distance across the mountain, and settled on Turtle Creek, where they raised their family and lived the rest of their lives. Their family consisted of 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, and many of their posterity remain there until this day.

Their Children:

- 1-"Fork" John, 1801-1870, (m) Katherine Mitchell, daughter of Joshua. 9 ch.
- 2-Nancy, (m) Burwell Spurlock. No further records.
- 3-A daughter, name unknown to us.
- 4-A daughter, name unknown to us, who married Medley Ballard. No further record.
- 5-William, 1810--, (m) Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of James, 12 ch.
- 6-Barbary, 1812-1886, (m) Benjamin Halstead and had 9 children.
- 7-Jacob, 1814--, (m) Mary A. Spurlock. 4 ch.
- 8-Rhoda, 1815-1867, (m) Andrew Jackson Hill. No further record.
- 9-Daniel, Jr., 1818-1882, (m) Nancy Turley. 2 children.
- 10-Elizabeth, 1820--, (m) Washington Hill, of George. No further record.
- 11 -Augustus, 1821 - -, (m) a Miller, but no further record.
- 12--George, 1825-1905, (m) twice; (1) Emily Bennett, (2) Sarah Barker. 7 ch.

Their Grand Children:

"Fork" John's children:

- 1-Daniel, 1820-1888, (m) Agnes Mitchell, of James.
- 2-James, 1822--, (m) Matilda Phipps.
- 3-Elizabeth, 1825--, (m) James C. Miller, of James and Nancy.
- 4-William, 1832--, (m) Dolly Ann Roberts.
- 5-Peter, 1833-1899, (m) Amanda Cummings, of William and Sarah.
- 6-Rhoda, 1838--, (m) Robert Cummings, of William and Sarah.
- 7-Joshua, 1840, (m) Katherine Cantley, of John and Nancy.
- 8-Floyd, 1842--, (m) Rachel Miller, of William and Elizabeth. Katherine, 1844,
(m) twice: (1) Griffin Stollings, (2) Andrew Estep.

William's' Children:

- 1-Dolly A., 1833 (m) Abraham Kidd.
 - 2-Joseph, 1836, (in) Margaret Cummings, of John and Susan.
 - 3-Mitchell, 1838-1872, never married.
 - 4-Rachel, 1839, (m) Floyd Miller, of "Fork" John.
 - 5-Daniel, 1841--, (m) Louanna Cummings, of John and Susan.
 - 6-Mary A., 1843 -1934, (m) Dryden Miller, of Daniel and Agnes.
 - 7-Augustus, 1845, (m) Julia Pauley from Cobbs Creek.
 - 8-Isabelle, 1846, died in childhood.
 - 9-Rebecca, 1848, no further record.
 - 10-Isaiah, 1850-1896, (m) Malissa Pauley, of Eli and Athalia.
 - 11-Charles W., 1853, (m) Matilda Adkins, of Anderson.
 - 12-Susan, 1854, (m) Oliver Miller, of James and Matilda.
- No further record of William's children.

Barbary Halstead's Children: 6th child of Daniel

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| 1-Marinda, 1835 | 4-Letha, 1840 | 7-Salina, 1847 |
| 2-Venila, 1837 | 5-Eliza, 1842 | 8-Samantha, 1849 |
| 3-Basil, 1838 | 6-Floyd, 1845 | 9-Nancy, 1851 |

No further record.

Jacob's Children: 7th child of Daniel

1-Alice A., 1845; 2-Burwell, 1847; 3-Martha J., 1849, 4-Henry.

Daniel, Jr.'s Children: 9th child of Daniel

- 1-Mary (Polly), 1848-1881, (m) Ham Pauley.
- 2-Sarah_____, (m) James Bradford, of Benjamin and Caroline.

George's Children: (12th child of Daniel) by his first wife

- 1-Henry, 1850, died in childhood.
- 2-Sylvanus, 1852-1906, (m) Susan A. Pauley, of Henry and Mary Ann.
- 3-Perry, 1855, (m) Matilda Hager, of Henderson and Ellen.
- 4-Malissa, 1857-1931, (m) James Mitchell, of James and Katherine.
- 5-Manderville T., 1860-1904 (m) Alice Barker, of Russell T. and Delilah.
- 6-Jacob H., 1862--, (m) Chleo Miller, of Peter and Amanda.
- 7-Elizabeth, 1865--, (m) Edwin Mitchell, of Joshua and Katherine.

(See Chapter 18 for the recording of George's family.)

This completes our records of the posterity of Daniel and Elizabeth except that of "Fork" John. Through one of his grandsons, Rev. Albert R. Miller, of Huntington, W. Va., I was able to get almost a complete list of the descendants of this family, which we are recording in Chapters 15, 16, and 17.

We are indebted to Sigfus Olafson for the names given above.

"FORK" JOHN MILLER, SON OF DANIEL AND KATHERINE
(MITCHELL) MILLER, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

I do not know where he got the nickname of "Fork." He was only 10 or 12 years old when his parents left Monroe County and settled on Turtle Creek, in Boone County, which is not far from the county seat of Madison. Neither do I know anything about his family history.

He and Katherine had 9 children, named in chapter 14 and which I give herewith again for this chapter, being as follows:

1-Daniel, 13 children	4-William, 11 children	7-Joshua, 3 children
2-James, 3 children	5-Peter, 9 children	8-Floyd, 7 children.
3-Elizabeth, no record	6-Rhoda, no record	9-Katherine, no record

1-DANIEL AND AGNES' CHILDREN:

- 1-Dryden, 1839-1930, (m) Mary Ann Miller, of William and Elizabeth--8 children.
- 2-Martha, 1840---died young.
- 3-Venila, 1843-1877, (m) Benton J. Miller, of Ezekiel S. and Susanna.
- 4-Sarah, 1846--died young.
- 5--Caperton, 1847-1931, (m) Melissa Bennett, of Perry and Sarah, 6 ch.
- 6-Comberland, 1849- No further record.
- 7-William C., 1851--, (m) N. J. McKinney-5 children.
- 8-James R., 1854. No further record.
- 9-Louisa, 1856--, (m) Jackson Kidd. No further record.
- 10-Elizabeth Jane, 1858. No further record.
- 11-Esmond, 1861--, (m) Martha A. Miller, of Joseph and Margaret-10 ch.
- 12-13-Riley and Butler. No further record,

2-JAMES AND MATILDA'S CHILDREN:

- 1-Washington ----- (m) Levina Pauley-4 children.
- 2-Oliver, 1848--, (m) Susan Miller, of William and Dolly--9 children.
- 3-"Sis," (m) Charles Miller, of "William and Elizabeth.

4-WILLIAM AND DOLLY'S CHILDREN:

1-Thomas	4-Burwell	7-Alice	10-Tillie
2-Peter	5-Jeremiah	8-Katy	11-Emsey
3-Andrew	6-Maryan	9-Susie	

5-PETER AND AMANDA'S CHILDREN:

1-Zatto	4-Elliott	7-Lorenza
2-Wootson	5-Van	8-Cloea Clara
3-Rev. Albert R.	6-Elvira	9-Adaline

7-JOSHUA AND KATHERINE'S CHILDREN:

1-Wilson; 2-Thornton; 3-Plina.

8-FLOYD AND RACHEL'S CHILDREN:

1-Granvil	3-Victory	5-Rosa	7-Tillie
2-Augustus	4-Margaret	6-Nettie	

- 1-DRYDEN (of Daniel of "Fork" John) AND MARY'S CHILDREN:
 1-Doughty; 2-Matthew; 3-Daniel; 4-Isaiah; 5-Malone; 6--Capy;
 7-Aggy; 8-Rachel.
- 5-CAPERTON (of Daniel of "Fork" John) AND MALISSA'S CHILDREN:
 1-James; 2-Cleophus; 3-Becky; 4-Anna; 5-Henry; 6-Victory.
- 7-WILLIAM C. (of Daniel of "Fork" John) AND N. J.'s CHILDREN:
 1-Fonzo; 2-Eddie; 3-Berton; 4-Henry; 5-Sallie.
- 11-ESMOND (of Daniel of "Fork" John) AND MARTHA'S CHILDREN:
 1-Murray; 2-Erna; 3-Kyella; 4-Almeda; 5-Morman; 6-Olly;
 7-Burhess; 8-Milton; 9-Wilber; 10-Ira.
- 1-WASHINGTON, of James, of "Fork" John, and Levina's Children:
 1-Alfred; 2-Manderville; 3-Lewis; 4--Susan.
- 2-OLIVER, of James, of "Fork" John, and Susan's Children:
 1-Rufus; 2-Nathaniel; 3-Isaac; 4-Lucie; 5-Marcia; 6-Dorothea; 7-Louhama;
 8-Fairlena; 9-Sadie.
- 1-CHILDREN OF THOMAS, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Wallis; 2-Tolbert; 3-Fannie.
- 2-CHILDREN OF PETER, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Otto; 2-Mamie; 3-Lena; 4-Lonzo; 5-Bergil; 6-Erastus.
- 3-CHILDREN OF ANDREW, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-St. Clair; 2-Hattie; 3-Clauda; 4-Florence; 5-Leonard; 6-Omer.
- 4--CHILDREN OF BURWELL, of William of "Fork" John:
 1-Daney 2-Dewey; 3-Ray; 4-Rosca; 5-Della; 6-Marrill; 7-
 Dallis.
- 5-CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Myrtle; 2-Mattie; 3--Gladis; 4-Geneva; 5-Alice; 6-Bertie.
- 1-CHILDREN OF ZATTO, of Peter of "Fork" John:
 1-John; 2-Henley; 3-Jose; 4-Eva; 5--Otto; 6-Dell; 7-Ema;
 8-Myrtie; 9-Bertha; 10-Girtie; 11-Ross.
- 2-CHILDREN OF WOOTSON, of Peter, of "Fork" John:
 1-Alley; 2-Erastus; 3-Albert Beeton; 4-Bessie; 5-Pearl; 6-Rosevelt; 7-Dwight;
 8-Zona; 9-Mary; 10-Barbary Fay 11-Wootson, Jr.; 12-Josephene.
- 3-CHILDREN OF REV. ALBERT R., of Peter, of "Fork" John:
 1-Ocie (Hunt); 2-Euna (Hill-Kessinger); 3-Susie (Benjamin);
 4-Edith (Twining); 5-Blanch (Hensley); 6-Albert, Jr., dead.
- 4-CHILDREN OF ELLIOTT, of Peter, of "Fork" John:
 1-Ernest; 2-Everett; 3-Arna; 4-Lonnie; 5-Virgia; 6-Creta.
- 5-CHILDREN OF VAN B., of Peter of "Fork" John:
 1-Van B. Junior.

- 6--CHILDREN OF RHODA CUMMINGS, of Peter of "Fork" John:
None listed.
- 7--CHILDREN OF LORENZO, of Peter, of "Fork" John:
1-Wade; 2-Albert; 3-Mala; 4-Manda; 5--Cora; 6-Lott; 7-Julia; 8-Focie; 9-Ethel.
- 8-CHILDREN OF CLARA (CLOEA), of Peter, of "Fork" John:
1-Jesse; 2-Lula; 3-Eva; 4-Willard; 5-Nora.
- 9-ADALINE-No record.
- 1-CHILDREN OF WILSON, of Joshua, of "Fork" John: 1-Ethel.
- 2-CHILDREN OF THORNTON, of Joshua, of "Fork" John:
1-Thornton, Jr.; 2-Curtis; 3--Cathern.
- 3-PLINA-No record. 1-CHILDREN OF AUGUSTUS, of Floyd, of "Fork" John:
1-Tillie; 2-Myrtle; 3-Pat; 4-Flossie; 5-Orda; 6-Roma.
- 2-CHILDREN OF TELLA, of Floyd, of "Fork" John:
1-Violet; 2-Hess; 3-Ray; 4-Fancy.

This completes my record of "Fork" John's Great-Grandchildren.

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THE FAMILIES OF "FORK" JOHN AND KATHERINE'S GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

- 1-CHILDREN OF DOUGHTY, of Dryden, of Daniel, of "Fork" John:
1-William; 2-Thornton; 3-Alfred; 4-Cathern; 5-Loretta; 6-Curtis; 7-Irene.
- 2--CHILDREN OF MATTHEW, of Dryden, etc.:
1-Cashie; 2-Louann; 3-Jennie; 4-Rachel; 5-Wilson; 6-Rathborn; 7-Frank;
8-Malone; 9-Virginia.
- 3-CHILDREN OF DANIEL, of Dryden, etc.:
1-Minta; 2-Lyda; 3-Maud; 4-Bergil; 5-William; 6-Kella(?).
- 4--CHILDREN OF ISAIAH, of Dryden, etc: 1-Cyril; 2-Theron.
- 5-CHILDREN OF MALONE, of Dryden, etc.:
1-Angilo; 2-Stella; 3-Lando.
- 6--CHILDREN OF CAPY, of Dryden, etc.: 1 child--Orbra.
- 7-8-CHILDREN OF AGGY AND RACHEL, of Dryden, etc.: No record.
- 1-CHILDREN OF JAMES, of Caperton, of Daniel, of "Fork" John:
1-Carry; 2-Lucy; 3-Leora; 4-Ira.
- 2-CHILDREN OF CLEOPHUS, of Caperton, etc.:
1-Delmar; 2-Ora; 3-Hassel; 4--Calvin; 5-Elsie.
- 1-CHILDREN OF FONZO, of William C., of Daniel, of "Fork" John:
1-Nora; 2-Facie; 3-May.

2-CHILDREN OF EDDIE, of William C., etc.:
 1-Samp; 2-Lizzie; 3-Buregard; 4-Leora; 5-Melvin; 6-Ray.

3-CHILDREN OF KYELLA, of Esmon, of Daniel, of "Fork" John:
 1-Virgie; 2-Oder; 3-Ovil; 4-Melvin.

6-CHILDREN OF OLLY, of Esmond, etc.:
 1-Rihel; 2--Carlet; 3-Vallie; 4-Harry.

9-CHILDREN OF WILBERN, of Esmond, etc.: 2--Charles and Lawrence.

1-CHILDREN OF ALFRED, of Washington, of James, of "Fork" John:
 1-Omer; 2-Emma; 3-Emma; 4-Woodroe; 5-Hush; 6-Arnold; 7-Lena; 8-Violet; 9-Erma.

2-CHILDREN OF MANDERVILLE, of Washington, of James, of "Fork" John:
 1-Ada; 2-Glada; 3--Charles; 4-Harverd.

1-CHILDREN OF RUFUS, of Oliver, of James, of "Fork" John:
 1-Melvin; 2-Susie; 3-Amus; 4-Wilson; 5-Pearl.

2-CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL, of Oliver, etc.:
 1-Vinson; 2-Ida; 3-Richard; 4-Stellie; 5--Clinton; 6-Adron;
 7-Evon; 8-Rad.

1-CHILDREN OF WALLICE, of Thomas, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Bassell; 2-Junnie; 3-Iona.

2-CHILDREN OF TALBERT, of Thomas, etc.:
 1-Hillard; 2-Dillard; 3-Barbarine.

1-CHILDREN OF OTTO, of Peter, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Emmie; 2-Eugine; 3-Atloe; 4--Gertrude; 5-Ralph; 6-Roy;
 7-Dorse; 8-Hellen; 9-Davey.

4-CHILDREN OF LONZO, of Peter, etc.:
 1-Carrel; 2-Londus; 3-Martha.

5-CHILDREN OF BERGIL, of Peter, etc.:
 1-Virginia; 2-Josephine.

6-CHILDREN OF ERASTUS, of Peter, etc.:
 1-Harvey; 2-Mary; 3-Patricia; 4-Aury.

1-CHILDREN OF ST. CLAIR, of Andrew, of William, of "Fork" John:
 1-Hilbert; 2-Grant; 3-Lomer; 4-Herald; 5-Waldo

5-CHILDREN OF LEONARD, of Andrew, etc.:
 1-Wanda; 2-Glada; 3--Charles; 4-Hattie Lee; 5-Madaline.

6-CHILDREN OF OMER, of Andrew, etc.:
 1-Beulah; 2-Zulah; 3-Clauda May.

1 --CHILDREN OF DANNEY, of Burwell, of William, of "Fork" John:
 Had 1 child-Allena.

2--CHILDREN OF DEWEY, of Burwell, etc.:
 Had 2 children: Odessa and Glenna.

- 3-CHILDREN OF DALLIS, of Burwell, etc.:
Had 4 children as follows: 1-Fay; 2-Dorthea; 3--Cyril; 4--Charles.
- 6-CHILDREN OF BERTIS, of Jeremiah, of William, of "Fork" John:
1-Bertis, Jr.; 2-Ima, and 3-Gean.
- 1-CHILDREN OF JOHN, of Zatto, of Peter, of "Fork" John:
1-Minnie; 2--Grace; 3-Erma; 4-Burnis; 5--Chalcie; 6-Vernie;
7-Earlin; 8-Archie; 9-Violet.
- 2-CHILDREN OF HENLEY, of Zatto, etc.:
1-Ardena; 2-Reva Lee; 3-Ruby; 4-Raymond; 5-Mona Gay; 6-
Harold; 7-Delane.
- 3--CHILDREN OF JOSE, of Zatto, etc.:
1-Jose, Jr.; 2--Catherine; 3-Janice; 4-Alvin.
- 5-CHILDREN OF OTTO, of Zatto, etc.:
1-Roscoe; 2-Rexford; 3-Bettie Lou; 4-Lucy Ann; 5-Eugene.
- 11-CHILDREN OF ROSS, of Zatto, etc.:
1-Helena; 2-Barbary; 3-Herbert; 4--Geneva.
- 1-CHILDREN OF ALLEY, of Wootson, of Peter, of "Fork" John:
1-Gertrude; 2-Murrill; 3-Alley Clifford, Jr.; 4-Virginia; 5-William Dilge,
6-Zona Valera.
- 2-CHILDREN OF ERASTUS, of Wootson, etc.: Ilene and Lavelle.
- 3-CHILDREN OF ALBERT BURTON, of Wootson, etc.:
1-Albert Burton, Jr.; 2-Marylen; 3-Madelin Ann.
- 1-CHILDREN OF OCIE HUNT, of Rev. Albert R., of Peter, of "Fork" John:
1-Paul, age 3 4, and Byron, Jr., age 28. (1951)
- 2-EUNA HILL-KESSINGER, of Rev. Albert R., etc., has no children.
- 3-SUSIE BENJAMIN, of Rev. Albert R., etc., has 1 child: Lowell, Jr.
- 4-EDITH TWINING, of Rev. A. R., has 3 children: Harold Jr., James and
Mary Evelyn.
- 5-BLANCHE HENSLEY, of Rev. A. R., has 2 children: Mina Jean and
Marion Ray.
- 1-ERNEST, of Elliott, of Peter, of "Fork" John, had 2 children: Gloria and
Alden.
- 2-EVERT, of Elliott, etc., has 3 children: Gerald Gaston, Eugene and Lowel.
- 3-ARNA, of Elliott, etc.: has 4 children: Kenneth, Donald, Carrol and Sylvia.
- 4-LONNIE of Elliott, etc., has 4 children: Darrell, Loni A., Una Mae and
Ogden.
- 5-VIRGIE, of Elliott, etc., has 4 children: Hilbert, Grant, Lomer and Waldo.
- 6--CRETA, of Elliott, etc., has 3 children: Vada Dare, Herold and Marlene.
- 1-VAN B., JR., of Van B., Sr., of Peter, of "Fork" John, has 5 children:
1-Van B. III; 2-Adarine; 3-Virginia; 4-Vesta; 5-Florietta.

- 1-WADE, of Lorenza, of Peter, of "Fork" John, had 4 children, as follows:
1-Fay; 2-Therman; 3-Nella; 4-Rhoda.
- 2-ALBERT, of Lorenza, etc.. had 3 ch.: 1-Floetta; 2-Albert, Jr., and 3-Thelma.
- 3-MALA, of Lorenza, etc., had 5 ch.: Willard, Cecil, Carl, Fettie, Margaret.
- 4-MANDA, of Lorenza, etc., had 1 child: Mallie.
- 1-JESSE, of Clara (Cloe), of Peter, of "Fork" John, had 3 children:
1--Celestine; 2-Ilene; 3-Maxine.
- 4-WILLARD, of Clara, etc., had 4 children:
1-Willard, Jr.; 2-Virginia; 3-Donald; 4-Kenneth.
- 4-FLOSSIE, of Augustus, of Floyd, of "Fork" John had 5 children:
1-Wanda; 2--Glada; 3--Charles; 4-Hattie Lee; 5-Madeline.
- 2-HESS, of Tella, of Floyd, of "Fork" John, had 3 children:
1-Grandel; 2--Glen; 3-Edward.

This completes the list of the Great-Great-Grandchildren of "Fork" John and Katherine.

GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF "FORK" JOHN
(YEAR 1938)

- 1-THE CHILDREN OF ALFRED, of Doughty, of Dryden, of Daniel, of "Fork" John: 1-Zona Lee; 2-Zetta; 3-Virginia; 4-Lillian; 5-Thermon.
- 2-CURTIS, of Doughty, etc., had 4 children: Dephena, Robert, Emigene and Geneva.
- 3-RACHEL, of Matthew, of Dryden, etc., had 2 children: Ezra and Willie.
- 4-WILSON, of Matthew, etc.: had 2 children- David and Columbus.
- 5-RATHBURN, of Matthew, etc., had 7 children: Homer, Elmer, Alma, Orval, Mae, Estle, and Sybil.
- 6-MELVIN, of Rufus, of Oliver, of James, of "Fork" John, had 5 children:
Landa, Peter, Golden, Sada, and Barbary.
- 7-AMOS, of Rufus, etc., had 3 children: Janie, Troy, and Silva.
- 8-WILSON, of Rufus, etc., had 2 children: Harrison and Velma.
- 9-VINSON, of Nathaniel, of Oliver, of James, of "Fork" John, had 3 children:
Corbett, Glada, and Adah.
- 10-RICHARD, of Nathaniel, etc., had 2 children: Clayton and Hansel.
- 11-CLINTON, of Nathaniel, etc., had 1 child: Ralph.
- 12-ADRON, of Nathaniel, etc., had 2 children: Maxine and Virginia.
- 13-PAUL, of Ocie (Hunt) of Rev. Albert R., of Peter, of "Fork" John, had
2 children (1951): Billie Paul and Janet Kay.
- 14-BYRON, JR., HUNT, of Ocie, of Rev. Albert R., etc., had 2 children: Byron Dale and David Lee.

Thus concludes the posterity of "Fork" John Miller, son of Daniel, son of John, Sr., son of Jacob, Sr., who came from Germany in 1715. The last above being the 9th generation.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN
THE FAMILY OF GEORGE MILLER, SON OF DANIEL AND ELIZABETH

This George was a brother of "Fork" John, born 1825, died 1905. He was married twice; 1st to Emily Bennett, daughter of Thomas and Jane, and 2nd to Sarah Barker, daughter of Anderson and Letitia. As far as we know, he lived and died in Boone County, and while our records are not complete, by any means, we give below what we have. His children:

1-Henry,	1850-1850	5-Manderville T.,	1860-1904
2-Sylvanus,	1852-1906	6-Jacob H.,	1862----
3-Perry,	1855-----	7-Elizabeth,	1865-_____
4-Malissa,	1857-1931	8--George,	1867-1898

2-SYLVANUS, (m) Susan Pauley and had 7 children, as follows:

1-AMMAZETTA, 1868, (m) Augustus Miller, of Floyd and Rachel, had 6 children:

1-Patrick---

2-Flossie, (m) Leonard Miller, of A. J. and Martha.

3-Lilly A., (m) Peter M. Ball.

4-Myrtie, (m) Wade C. Bias.

5-Roma, (m) Lear West.

6-Orda, (m) Hazel Barker.

2-EMILY, 1871-1896, (m) Patrick Miller-2 children:

1-Vanonda, 1894--, (m) Milton Miller; 2-Dorisia, 1896--.

3-MARY ALICE, 1873-1936, (m) James Miller-had 4 children.

1-Walter S., (m) a Ball and had 2 children: Fred C and Anna.

2--Carrie, 1888, (m) Oliver Ballard.

3-Lucy, 1890, (m) Grover Ballard.

4-Ira, 1894----

4-MARTHA JANE, 1875-1931, (m) Albert S. Miller, of Augustus-2 ch.:

1-Mattie E., (m) an Estep and had 2 children: Stella and Ethel.

2-Varna W., (m) a Covert -----

5-ALMARINE JACK, 1878, (m) Lilly Roberts and had 9 children:

1-John; 2-Ernie; 3-Ollie; 4-Okey; 5-Martin; 6-Robert, 7-Carmie; 8-Almarine; 9-Sylvanus, Jr.

6-REV. MANDERVILLE T., 1879-194--, (m) Flora A. Roberts and had 9 children:

1-Orin T., 1900--, (m) Iva McClure, 2nd, Lilly Bell; 3 children: 1-Freddie Lee; 2-Edith Lucile; 3-Charles Clinton.

2-Mallie Tilden, 1902, (in) Nettie Willis and had 4 children: 1-Lloyd Houston, 1928; 2-Martha Sue, 1930; 3-Mallie Tilden, Jr., 1936; 4-Stephen Lee, 1938.

3-Myrtle Mae, 1913, (m) Houston Poff-1 child, Flora Ann, 1925. 4-Norma G., 1906, (in) Lloyd K. McWhorter and had 3 children: 1-David L.; 2-Ruth Ellen; 3-Donald Wayne.

5-Opal Lestie, 1908, (m) S. C. Ballard-1 child: Dorothy.

6--Chas. H., 1913, (m) Geneva Moore; 2 children: Carol Lee and Jacquelin Rose.

7-Ruby, 1910----. 8-Frank H., 1915. 9-Albert, 1922.

- 7-EDWARD SYLVANUS, 1882, (m) 1st Rachel Canterbury-had 2 ch.:
 1-Opie Dell, 1901; 2-Frank Hess; (m) 2nd, Zettella Miller, of Floyd and Rachel, and had 3 children: 1-Ray; 2-Fancy; 3-Violet.
- 3-PERRY, 1855--, (m) Matilda Hager and had 7 children:
 1-LAURA A., 1876, (m) Wm. D. Barker and had 11 children:
 1-Leona, 1894; 2-Arizona, 1896; 3-Omer O., 1898; 4-Burthold, 1900;
 5-Averil, 1903; 6--Odleu, 1906; 7-Bethel, 1902; 8-Orvill, 1908; 9--Clyde,
 1915; 10-Edwin, 1917; 11-Averella, 1920.
 2-ALTA JO, 1878, (m) J. H. Roberts and had 7 children:
 1-Melvin, 1898; 2-Arnold, 1900; 3--Odor, 1903; 4-Dollie, 1905; 5-Nellie,
 1909; 6-Hazel, 1912; 7-Josephine, 1924.
 3-FAIRY, 1895, (m) Noah Miller and had 5 children: 1-Elta, 1905;
 2-Elsie, 1909; 3-Shelby, 1915; 4-Mildred, 1918; 5-Lavelly.
 4-CHESTER, 1890, (m) Pearl Henson and had 4 children: 1-Lillian,
 1918; 2-Kermit, 1920; 3-Velma, 1924; 4-Lowell, 1927.
 5-GERTIE, 1892, (m) Jas. T. Smart and had 5 children: 1-Opal,
 1914; 2-Ruth, 1915; 3--Carlyle, 1917; 4-Sibyl, 1919; 4--Conscio, 1923.
 6-VENDETTA, 1894, (m) A. R. Covert and had 3 children: 1-Eloise, 1912;
 2-Elmer, 1914; 3-Anna Gay, 1922.
 7-MADGE, 1898, (m) A. C. Griffith and had 2 children: Barbary and Arch, Jr.
- 4-MALISSA, 1857-1931, (m) James Mitchell and had 3 children: 1-Herbert E., 1877 ----
 ; 2-Rev. Phillip A - ----- 3 -----
 3-MARTHA, 1874. (m) Andy Miller and had 5 children: 1-St.Clair, 1891;
 2-Leonard, 1893; 3-Florence, 1899; 4--Omer C., 1905; 5---Claudie, 1910.
- 5-MANDERVILLE T., 1860-1904, (m) Alice Barker and had 2 children:
 1-Wilbert A., 1886-1937. No further record.
 2-Lettie, 1889, (m) Judge Charles Estep. They live in Huntington,
 and had 3 children: Lorain, Hazel, and Charles L., Jr.
- 6-JACOB H., 1862, (m) Chloe Miller and had 5 children: 1-Willard, 1882;
 2-Eva; 3--George, 1886; 4-Jesse; 5-Lula Jo, (m) a McKinney.
- 7-ELIZABETH, 1865, (m) Edwin Mitchell and had the following children:
 1-Ella, 1883, (m) Andy Mitchell and had 1 child: Gladys.
 2-Millard, 1887. No further record.
 3-Walter, 1893, married and had 2 children: Sebert and Millard.
 4-Virgie, 1895. No further record.
- 8-GEORGE, JR., 1867-1898, (m) Laura Sheets. No children.

This concludes my records of the family of George Miller, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Comer) whose genealogy runs: George, of Daniel, of John, Sr., of Jacob, Sr., who came from Germany in the year 1715.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

(9-A)

THE FAMILY AND POSTERITY OF MOSES MILLER, SON OF JOHN, SR.

MOSES, ninth (9th) child of John, Sr., and Barbary (Mause) Miller, was born in Monroe County on Indian Creek in 1785, died 1860. He Married Ruth Canterbury of Monroe County, but went with his brothers mentioned previously when they left Monroe and went westward, finally settling in Boone County, W. Va. After living in Boone County for awhile, he moved on into Lincoln County and settled somewhere on Mud River.

Although Lincoln County is adjoining Cabell, where I live, I have not been able to make connections with any of his posterity. The County court house at Hamlin, county seat of Lincoln, burned, with all their county records, last year, so that source of information is closed. However, I have record of the following children and grandchildren:

- 1-John, 1813-1881, (m) Matilda Cook and had 5 children, as follows:
 - 1-Anderson, 1843, (m) a daughter of Samuel Stone.
 - 2-Amanda, 1843, twin of Anderson, but no further record.
 - 3-Burwell, 1846, (m) Permelia Breedlove, of John B. and Sarah.
 - 4-Augustus, 1847. No further record.
 - 5-St. Clair, 1850-1928, (m) Delilah Hill, of Washington and Elizabeth.
- 2-Joshua, 1819--, (m) Susan - and had 8 children:
 - 1-Mary Ann, 1841, (in) 1st, Philip McNeeley, of Alexander and Mary H., 2nd, Spencer Hill, of Joseph and Sarah. 9 children: Mose, Mart, John, Bud, Zink, Milt, Mary Ann, Daisey, Ruth.
 - 2-Moses, 1843, (m) 1st, Margaret Curry, of Robert and Nancy, and had 1 son, Wm. of Midkiff, W. Va.; 2nd, Louisa Cummings.
 - 3-Ruth, 1845, (m) Jed McCormick.
 - 4-Letha, 1847, (m) Jim Smith.
 - 5-William Martin, 1849, (in) Esther Dickens.
 - 6-John 1852, (m) Lucy Breedlove.
 - 7-Dicy, 1854, (m) Calvin Pauley, of Washington and Eliza.
 - 8-Milton, 1858, (m) Dude Spurlock.
- 3-Zodak and Julia had 3 children of record here: Lucinda, 1850; Anderson and Seth. Seth had 5 sons and 3 daughters: Riley, Leander, Willie, Anderson, Charlie, Mary (King), (Mrs. Donald Adkins), Mrs. Mindie Gillom. John and Matilda lived on Horse Creek. We do not know where Joshua and Zodak lived, but most likely in the same vicinity, or else they moved on into Lincoln County with their father Moses

This concludes my records of Jacob Miller, who came from Germany, and his posterity, as far as I have them, down to the present day, 1951, but is only a small part of this great family.

I would like to pursue it further, but at my age, and with cataracts on my eyes, it would be too great a task. Others may take it up if they choose. I have worked over a period of 15 years on this book; not for profit, but for the Miller Posterity; and because, after starting the work I became deeply interested.

One reason for my interest is my remembrance of my boyhood days and that I was brought up under an inferiority complex, due to the poor circumstances of my family as compared to that of our near neighbors who were then living on the rich lands formerly owned by my forbearers.

However, this I did not know then; neither did I know it when as a lad of 16 my older brother and myself cut corn for the then owners of this rich estate at the pittance of 50c per day; and this in the very field where was buried my Great Grandfather Henry Miller, as well as the pioneer settler and owner of not only the land owned by this (Pence) family, but the surrounding hundreds of acres of rich farm lands; my Great, Great Grandfather, John Miller, Senior.

Had I known this---had these facts been instilled into me in my childhood--- I think the outlook of life would have been quite different from what it was, and self-confidence would have predominated my life instead of the plebeian complex, which I had. That the posterity of JOHN MILLER, SENIOR, may know that they are descendants of one of the prominent families of Monroe County, as well as that of Boone County, where 4 sons of John Miller, Sr., settled as pioneers, is another factor of this book. I have taught my children to be proud of the Miller name, and they are making their way in life, therefore, with more confidence than their father had, even though he finally did rise above it.

May God's richest blessings rest upon every reader of this book.

Sincerely yours,

EVERETT WAYNE MILLER.

CHAPTER TWENTY
MY MOTHER'S FAMILY

My mother, Nancy Ann (Nannie) Virginia Comer, was born December 8, 1857, at the Old Home Place in the Flat Woods, about 1 mile south east of the present village of Wikel. She married my father, Lewis A. Miller, in the year 1876, but lived only six years of married life. To this union were born three boys:

Leiton Edgar, Everett Wayne, and Eldridge Purington. Leiton and Everett (the compiler of this book) are living at this date, December 12, 1952, but Eldridge died when but a child. Our mother also died with childbed fever from giving birth to Eldridge. Eldridge was born the latter part of March and mother died April 10, 1882.

I feel it appropriate and that this book would not be complete without the recording of mother's immediate family, with a brief mention of her forefathers. She was the eldest child of Samuel H. Comer, a son of Frederick Comer, whose father was Augustus Comer, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. According to records of Sigfus Olafson, Augustus Comer married Catherine Rush. We have no record of the children of Augustus and Catherine, except a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Daniel Miller, son of John Sr., of Jacob (see Chapter 14 herein), and Frederick, whose family we give you next below, as written by his son, Samuel H. Comer, about the year 1915.

PIONEER SETTLERS
FREDRICK COMER AND WIFE

Fredrick Comer was born October 16th, 1787, in Greenbrier County, near

the St. Lawrence Ford, southeast of Ronceverte, W. Va. He was of German descent.

His wife, Polly Mitchell, was born June 11th, 1796, in Greenbrier County, near Union, now the county seat of Monroe County, W. Va.

Fredrick Comer married Polly Mitchell January 6th, 1814. He purchased 120 acres of land in the forest called Flatwoods, to which he added 280 acres in time. He built a cabin and moved into it February 1814, and there they lived the rest of their days a quiet, peaceful, Christian life, doing unto all men, as they would have all men do unto them. They raised a large family of fourteen children, eleven girls and three boys, without a doctor's aid.

For the benefit of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, wheresoever they may be scattered, I will give the age and date of birth and death of the pioneer family:

Fredrick Comer, the father, died November 10th, 1848, aged 61 years and 24 days.

Polly Mitchell Comer, his wife, died March 17th, 1867, aged 70 years, 8 months and 6 days.

The first child, Nancy Comer, born in October 1814, died March 1816, aged one year and five months.

Mitchell Comer, second child, was born August 27th, 1816, died September 12th, 1902, aged 87 years and 15 days.

Sally Comer Cummings, third child, was born August 20th, 1818, died September 20th, 1913, aged 95 years and one month.

Elizabeth Comer Harvey, fourth child, and Catherine Comer Harvey, fifth child, (twins) were born September 6th, 1820. Elizabeth died June 4th, 1887, aged 66 years, 9 months and 28 days. Catherine died March 13th, 1901, aged 80 years, 6 months and 7 days.

The sixth child, Anna Comer Canterbury, was born February 14th, 1823, and died November 13th, 1886, aged 63 years, 8 months and 29 days.

The seventh child, William M. Comer, was born April 13th, 1825, and died May 26th, 1849, aged 24 years, one month and 13 days.

The eighth child, Delilah Comer Ball, was born April 9th, 1827, and died November 11th, 1901, aged 75 years, 7 months and 2 days.

The ninth, Martha Comer Miller, was born April 23rd, 1829, and died July 24th, 1909, aged 80 years, three months and 5 days.

The tenth child, Mary J. Comer Holliday Broyles, was born May 28th, 1831, and died March 5th, 1905, aged 73 years, 10 months and 7 days.

The eleventh, Amanda Comer Broyles, was born July 24th, 1833, and died July 29th, 1911, aged 87 years and 5 days.

The twelfth child, Samuel H. Comer, was born July 16th, 1835, still living.

The thirteenth, Rachel Comer Morgan, was born April 16th, 1837, and died September 15th, 1910, aged 73 years, 4 months and 19 days.

The fourteenth child, Rebecca Comer Broyles, was born April 15th, 1840, still living.

By S. H. COMER

(Note: The above was written probably about 1915.)

RECORD OF SAMUEL H. AND MARY M. (HUTCHINSON) COMER AND THEIR POSTERITY

The following was furnished by William M. Comer, youngest son of Samuel and Mary, December 10, 1952:

"My father and mother were married January 6, 1857, to which union seven children were born, as follows:

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1-Nancy Ann | 3-Mahala Ellen | 5-Frederick P. |
| 2-Orlena C. | 4-James A. | 6-William M. |
| | | 7-Ida W. |

- 1-Nancy Ann (Nannie), 1857-1882. See "MY FATHER'S FAMILY," Chapter 12.
- 2-Orlena C., 1860-1945, married John P. Copeland and had 3 children: Nettie, Sue, Ira. Nettie, married Elmer Mann and had 2 children: May, who married Ed Harvey; Lucy married Roy Miller, son of Lewis and Laura (See Chap. 12). Sue, married Burt Ellison and had several children. Mamie, the eldest, married Charlie T. Miller, son of Lewis and Laura (See Chap. 12). Ira, married Grace Comer, a third cousin. No children.
- 3-Mahala Ellen, 1866-1947, married William Halstead and had 5 children: Arthur, Dewey, Claude, Mary, Minnie. Arthur, married Myrtle- and had 1 child: Junior. Dewey, married Ida-. No children. Claude, married Clara Yerkee and had 2 children: William and Jimmie. Mary, married Lee Coulter and had 3 children: Loetta, Eunice and Billy. Minnie, married Hubert Broyles and had 1 child: Dewey.
- 4-James A., 1868-1935, married Minnie Mann and had 6 children: Carl, Paul, Sammie, Howard, Thurman, Eugene. Carl, married Georgia Broyles and had 3 children: 1-Welch (m) Gracie Cook; 2-Leona, married Kramer Dunn, and 3-Arnold (m) Vivian Biggs. Paul, (m) Thelma Dickson and had 3 children: Bettie, James and Paul, Jr. Sammie-Deceased. Howard, married Lula Clark and had 2 children: 1-Howard, Jr., (m) Polly Riley; 2-Bobby Jean, (m) Koon Spangler. Thurman, married Mary Riner and had 2 children: Lottie and Jennie. Eugene, married Delores Good and had 3 children: Elgen, Leonard, Sammie.
- 5-Frederick P., 1871, still living, married Josie Comer, a second cousin, and had 5 children: Mason, Harve, Denver, Francis, Lelia. Mason, married Audry Yerkee and had 2 children: Mason, Jr., married and Bob, single. Harve, (m) Nell Cochran and had 3 children: Bettie, Nancy and Freddie. Denver, married Rose Alltare and had 1 child: Billy. Francis, married Bessie Cummings. No children. Lelia, married Wade Barker (now dead). No children.
- 6-William, M., 1874, still living, married Anna Thomas, still living. No children,
- 7-Ida, 1880-1950, married Emery Comer, a second cousin, and had 4 children: Dewey, Myrtle, John, Lucile. Myrtle, now dead, married a Foster and had 1 child, Pauline (m) a Garten. Johnnie, married Velire Mann."

WM.COMER

This concluded the record of my mother's family as well as Part One of this book.

E. W. MILLER

PART II - 8 CHAPTERS
HISTORY OF THE MILLER FAMILY AS RECORDED
BY SAMUEL SILAS MILLER, JR., IN THE YEARS
1910 To 1912

(Items in parenthesis are corrections by the compiler, E. W. Miller.)

CHAPTER ONE
HISTORICAL EVENTS AND PIONEER DAYS OF JOHN MILLER, SR.

As there has been no record kept in the Miller family it is now impossible to tell much of our ancestors.

John Miller was born in Germany about 1740. (For correction, see Chapter 4, Part I.) At what date he left the fatherland is unknown now, or whether or not he had a family at the time of his immigration to America is also unknown, but that his wife was a German lady there is no doubt. The fact that the older children of John Miller could speak the German language and that all of the family could speak it more or less is conclusive evidence that they were both Germans. The recorder has in his possession the family Bible in German that has been handed down, but unfortunately no record is found there of John Miller or his wife.

The first that we know of him was as a pioneer settler at or near what is now Greenville, Monroe County, W.Va. Here he and Jacob Mann, also a German immigrant, erected a fort. (This refers to fort built by Cook.) This fort stood on the south bank of Indian Creek on the land now owned by J. R. Johnson. It was built for protection to the settlers against that formidable people, the American Indian, and was constructed perhaps about the date 1775. Strange as it may seem to posterity, although the recorder was born less than 80 years later near this place and was reared here, yet he has not been able to obtain but little information concerning the history of this fort; and yet he has been able to gather a few incidents that have been handed down by tradition which he will record.

(See Chapter 2, Part I, under "History," Paragraph 3.)

This fort was never attacked by the Red Men and yet they harassed no little. Bands of roving Indians prowled around it at different times, sometimes catching a settler on his farm or hunting, and shooting him or chasing him to the fort. The chase of the Indians given Jacob Mann will be illustrative of the times.

The fort running short of provisions, the savages known to be near, it was very hazardous for anyone to venture out; yet soon hunger began to be felt at the fort---something must be done. Jacob Mann took his gun, passed out while yet dark, unperceived by the Indians, went up Cooks Run perhaps to near what is now Wikel P. O. Here he shot a large buck. Taking out the entrails he proceeded to the fort bearing the heavy burden. He had reached a point on Indian Creek near what is now Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church where he was discovered by the Indians. It had grown dark. To abandon his burden meant continued suffering at the fort, so that must not be thought of. So starting to run with his heavy load he soon found the Indians about to overtake him.

He saw it was necessary to adopt other tactics, and quickly ran a depression in the ground called by our fathers "a sinkhole." Here he stood on the defensive. The Indians, well knowing what would be the sure result if they ventured to attack him here as he would see them first, they well knew the deadly accuracy of the pioneer rifle. After holding a counsel for a short time they lurked about the place until nearly day, then fearing the whole force from the fort would be upon them then they abandoned the place. Mann then with his gun, dog and deer, made his way to the fort in safety. Reaching there he found the inmates all in a stir and full of anxiety about his safety. The joy of his return in safety with the supply of meat so much needed cannot be described by those living in plenty and in security.

The Indians sometime after this made a raid on the settlers on the headwaters of Bradshaw in Summers County, murdering a family, the name I do not now remember. The inmates of the fort were notified of the fact. Mann, Miller and four others started in pursuit. It was not long until it was evident that they were pursuing seven savages. They followed the murderers down New River and the Kanawha River to the banks of the Ohio. Here they came up with their game. The Indians were toasting their venison, singing their war songs and dancing their war dance, not knowing that they were pursued or that they were then under the angry eyes of the outraged settlers. The settlers held a council and determined to await day for their attack. It was to them a long, anxious night. At dawn the Indians were up and ready to march. The whippoorwill and owl still sent forth their sharp notes to break the stillness of the wilderness. In the meantime six rifles rang out, six warriors fell dead and the seventh, surged with panic, sprang into the Ohio River pursued by one of the settlers, perhaps Mann or Miller. The race was a desperate struggle through the waters; the pursued struggled almost in reach of his pursuer. On and on each struggled, but at last the white man reached his fleeing victim and raised his hunting knife high above the water and with one blow drove it into the native's heart and the native sank peaceably to the bottom of the Ohio. The settlers then found their way back to the fort satisfied. They had avenged their dead comrades.

John Miller owned a tract of land of several hundred acres on Indian Creek about one mile above Hunters Springs. James R. Pence now owns and resides on the land Miller lived on. At what date he built here is not known, but perhaps it was while they were forting as above related. His dwelling stood between the present dwelling of J. R. Pence and Indian Creek.

An incident handed the recorder by tradition: Miller, while some distance from his dwelling doing some farm work, his companion, a noted rifle, near by, be on happening to look saw what he believed to be a ploomed head quickly pass from view behind a bank or rise of ground. Miller seized his rifle and started in a different direction. When beyond perception he cautiously crept around until he had reached the rear of the position occupied by the savage. Pretty soon the Indian crept to the crest of the knoll, gun held in shooting position, evidently expecting to obtain a fresh scalp, but no doubt to his surprise he found Miller was gone. He turned, evidently contemplating new tactics. He was a large but youthful savage fated to become food for swine and the vultures, for now the grim old settler raised his rifle, took aim, and the native warrior fell dead.

Miller also was a hunter. It was by this means that meat for the settlers was procured. His wife having informed him that food was running short, he took

his gun and went in search of game. He passed through what is now called "The Flat Woods" and perhaps traversed the forest as far south as Hans Creek near now Coulter's Chapel. Here, after making some investigations of the surrounding country and finding no game, he started on the return home. He had reached the Flat Woods tired and hungry, the day was wearing away, the sun was low in the west; to return without meat meant a scanty meal at home; this wearied the old hunter, but now his eyes fell on the freshly stirred leaves at his feet and on examination he found it to be a fresh buffalo trail going in the direction of a deer lick near his farm. His sinking courage now arose. He crept cautiously on, reaching a point that commanded a view of the "lick," to his joy he saw a large buffalo standing, its head lifted high seeming to observe something in the opposite direction. The old hunter now began to contemplate how to approach to safe rifle range. To his surprise, all at a moment, the great beast snorted and wheeled about as if dreadfully frightened and started in full speed headed in the direction where he stood. Miller now raised his rifle and as the animal dashed recklessly through the forest, sent a ball through his heart. The family was now supplied with meat and the old hunter rewarded for his toils.

Again while hunting on the south side of Indian Creek he penetrated a hollow heading at the Flat Woods and noticed a small particle of bark fall from a tree. On looking up he saw a panther waiting his opportunity to spring upon him. The old veteran woodsman leveled his rifle and the panther fell, pierced through the brain. The hollow to this day is known as "The Panther Hollow."

Such were the times and circumstances under which our fathers wrested the romantic state of West Virginia from the hands of the aborigines, the wild savage. Then it was one vast unbroken forest, save here and there a solitary fort with the pioneer cabins near by. The sound of the buffalo was heard; the bleat of the deer; the howl of the wolf; the scream of the panther and the yell of the savage was there. But those hardy pioneers, full of zeal and valor, rose above it all and brought from a wilderness a beautiful State which is your home and mine.

At what time the fort was unoccupied is not known, but we may suppose that it was kept as a place of resort in case of danger of an attack by the Indians until the battle of Fallen Timbers, fought by the Veteran Wayne in 1794 which completely defeated the Indians and forever rid the Ohio Valley of those formidable people. Henceforth the fort was of no longer use to the settlers as a place of protection. This fort stood on the south bank of Indian Creek about one fourth mile from the present town of Greenville and about 300 yards from its bank.

Thus closed the life of John Miller, the pioneer settler. His ashes peacefully sleep on Indian Creek, on the west slope of the Alleghenys. His grave is unmarked. It is a pity graves of our forefathers have been thus neglected. John Miller was not only a hunter and Indian fighter, but a useful man in the settlement. He was a cooper and made wooden vessels so much needed. Once while in conversation with some friends he remarked, saying, "Gentlemen, I can make as good a pail as was ever in the heavens." He made the coffin in which William Ballard was buried. Then he was a carpenter also. He must have been a real benefactor to the young colony. William Ballard was a great grandfather of the recorder and the father of Willis Ballard. He was buried in the Cummings cemetery near Wikel P. O.

The life of John Miller was an eventful one when we remember that it began

in Germany, one of the most highly civilized countries in the world, and ended in the wilderness of America.

Since I began to make this record I have learned for a certainty that the wife of John Miller was a German lady and that they were married in that country, and that there were children born to them before they reached America. They first settled in East Virginia about 1770, but at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War they crossed the Allegheny Mountains. (Confused with Jacob Miller, Sr.-See Chapter 1, Paragraph 1, Part I.)

John Miller must have been a believer and supporter of the Christian faith when we remember that he brought with him the Bible in his native tongue, and we will see later that he named all or nearly all of his children names taken therefrom.

In his dealings with his fellow man he was strictly honest. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and persevering and fearless as a pioneer settler. Nothing is now known of the person of John Miller, but we may reasonably conjecture that he was a man of at least the average size, or about 5 feet 11 inches, dark brown hair, blue eyes and Grecian nose and well balanced up with the sanguine billions. His wife lived on until 1826 and was laid to rest by his side. Generations have come and gone since then and in their silent abode the green grass grows, the forest trees they loved so well have long been hewn down to give place to beautiful fields and meadows. The gay flowers decorate the landscape; the merry birds sing their joyous songs. Close by the rippling laughing waters of the historic old creek still glide cheerily by, but no longer is heard the yell of the savage, the howl of the wolf or the scream of the panther.

The dwelling house of John Miller was a large double log two-story structure. Close by his dwelling he also constructed a fort for the protection of his family in case of attack by the Indians. Some of the logs of this fort can still be seen (1910) in a granery at James Pencses. just below, the town of Springfield rose after the days of John Miller. The place is now known as Hunters Springs. On his farm and near his dwelling now stands the handsome brick building of James Pence. Close by and through this farm passes a public road, just by the side of which his body sleeps. On the north side of this road now stand the dwellings of C. P. Ballard and Hugh Peck. Just above the old homestead are the dwellings of Alex. Evans and John Dowdy. However, not one foot of this large survey of land owned by John Miller is now in possession of any of his descendants. It has long since passed into the hands of strangers. His dwelling and fort have long ago been torn away-not a vestige remains to mark the place where they stood.

I will now close my record of John Miller and his wife. I have written enough that posterity may know who they were, where they lived and where their dust sleeps. I will now proceed to record his children.

CHAPTER Two

THE FAMILY OF JOHN MILLER

The family of John Miller consisted of *8 boys and one girl*, the names and dates of birth of whom I find in the old family German Bible in my possession except Daniel---for some reason unknown to me his name and birth was not placed in that volume, but that there was a Daniel of this family, and that he grew to manhood and migrated westward after the battle of Fallen Timbers, there is no doubt, but the date of his birth is unknown or where he settled or when he died are also unknown to the recorder. (See Chapter 14, Part I.)

ELIZABETH, the eldest, was born Sept. 26, 1767. She married William Carnifax and first settled in Kentucky, but later came back and settled near Greenville, Monroe County, on the land now owned perhaps by R. S. Dunlap. To this union there were *no children*. She died about 1835 and was buried in the old Miller grave yard at J. R. Pencos. W. M. Carnifax owned three negroes, Hannibal, Sabrey and Judy. Sabry lived to a great age, perhaps passing a century. He was kidnapped while in his melon patch in his native land, Africa, by the whites, brought to the colonies and sold. In being asked in later years how the white men got him he replied: "Us in melon patch, dey come on us, we run in de weeds, hide day, hide two, we thought day gone, we come out, dey catch us, every one ob us, dey bring us here." Do you want to go back to your native land, Sabry? "No, sir, but when I dies I'ze turn to a white hoss and goes back." The person of Sabry was about 5 feet 4 inches, very heavy built, large head and very black.

John Miller, Jr., was born Dec. 7, 1768. Perhaps he and Elizabeth were born in Germany. He was a small boy when his father crossed the Alleghenies and built the famous fort on Indian Creek. I know but little of him. He grew up to manhood under his parents and left this county while young. He finally settled in Boone County, W. Va., and raised 15 children whose descendants are numerous in that and surrounding counties. *He bore the title of "Colonel"* yet I know nothing of his soldier life. He died in Boone County about 1840 and was buried there.

There is a story told of him while yet a lad at the Mann and Miller (Cook) Fort. It will be remembered that the Indian is a strategist and in those days they resorted to every strategy to allure the white man into their hands. They not infrequently surpassed the white man in shrewd cunning. One bright morning just after the sun had risen John Miller, Jr., came into the fort and asked for a rifle, saying that he heard a turkey gobble on a certain ridge. Before anyone could speak he seized a rifle and strode away. Volantine Cook, an inmate of the fort, stepped to the door and listened intently. He called to the boy and reached for his cap---"Hold on a little until I get there now sonny; you must not go up there; that may be too big a turkey for you; I will go in your stead." The boy felt somewhat cowed, but in those days it was customary for the boys to obey the men without a murmur, so saying nothing he handed Cook the rifle. Cook proceeded up the hill cautiously---when he had reached a safe point he concealed himself behind a large tree, then he too gobbled like the turkey. He soon got the familiar answer. The two maneuvered thus for sometime. The white man still holding his position from behind the tree. When the Indian, for Indian it was, came within about 75 yards Cook placed his cap on the rod of his gun and let it show past the tree trunk, a rifle rang out, the cap fell, the Indian rushed forward to procure the much coveted

scalp of the white man, but at this moment Cook stepped from his hiding place. The Indian with great surprise stopped short, stood very erect and received a ball in his heart and died without a groan.

MIKE MILLER (Michael) was born in Eastern Virginia Jan. 1, 1770. He married and settled on a part of his father's farm where Alex. Evans now resides. He raised a large family and died there and was buried near his father.

JACOB MILLER was born in Eastern Virginia Sept. 8, 1771.

HENRY MILLER was born Jan. 16, 1774, married and settled on his father's farm where C. P. Ballard now resides. He raised a large family all of whom spent their lives in this section. The recorder will later on record the families of Mike and Henry in this book. Henry Miller died about the year 1862. He was laid in the Miller burial ground.

ADAM MILLER was born July 12, 1778, in the Mann & Miller (Cook) fort while his father and comrades were yet contending with the Red Men for homes amid the forest. As Adam Miller is the grandfather of the recorder, I will speak more particularly of him later on. (Died Jan. 22, 1844.)

GEORGE MILLER was born Nov. 16, 1780.

MOSES MILLER was born June 15, 1785. He married and settled in Boone County, W. Va., raised a family of whom their descendants still live in that section.

George, Jacob and Daniel Miller migrated westward while young. One settled in Ohio, one in Indiana and the other perhaps in Jackson County, Ohio. There are Millers in Jackson County, Ohio, who trace their ancestry to the pioneer settler on Indian Creek. (According to Washington, D. C., census records obtained by Sigfus Olafson, George Miller died in Logan County, W. Va., Jacob and Daniel both lived and died in Boone County, W.Va.)

CHAPTER THREE

ADAM MILLER, SR., AND HIS LIFE STORY

While Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton were battling with the Indians in Kentucky with many other daring settlers in the Ohio Valley, and George Rogers Clark with his brave followers further west storming the British posts; East beyond the Blue Ridge and North and South the heroic patriots were gallantly struggling for freedom against an avalanche of British and Tories; The rattle of musketry and the blast of the crude cannons were heard on all sides that bade them be slaves guided by a monarch's hand, and the never to be forgotten reply of those faithful bulldogs with hideous peals hurled back their iron curses on His Majesty and uttered in every vibration, "We will never be slaves of a tyrant"; On the bosom of the Alleghanies there was a string of thinly settled country defended by log forts. These were not permitted to be idle. An Indian army invaded Greenbrier County and besieged Fort Donnley. Intelligence of this arrived at Miller & Mann fort and assistance solicited. Immediately the whole fighting force numbering perhaps 20 men started to assist their comrades. At their departure the weeping of the women, the cries of the children lingered in their ears until their receding footsteps had carried them far into the forest. They had reached Greenbrier River when the glad tidings came that the Indians had been defeated and driven off. They then hastened back to the fort where they were joyfully welcomed.

Amid those stirring scenes and history making times ADAM MILLER was born in the Miller & Mann fort in 1778. Here he received his first parental caresses; here he first became sensible of the surroundings, and here he made his first barefooted tracks.

After the Revolutionary War was over and the Red Man was pushed far westward, John Miller went to his farm. Here Adam grew to manhood, but there is nothing handed down to distinguish him from other young men of his day. He was a lover of the gun and dog and was an expert hunter, killing deer, bear, wolves, elks and other game that abounded. A story is told of him that while hunting he shot an elk on the top of a mountain; the elk ran down the mountain, but he believed the shot to be a fatal one. Presently he heard the report of a rifle at the base of the mountain. On reaching the spot a hunter with a gun in hand invited Miller to see the fine elk he had killed. Miller, suspecting his statement, looked at the fallen animal and found that a ball had passed through the body just behind the shoulders. On further examination a smaller bullet had passed through the elk's back down between its fore legs. On seeing this Miller looked up and around as though looking to see a tree that the hunter might have occupied, then turning addressed him saying, "Sir, what tree top did you occupy when you did this downward shooting?" The hunter saw it was no use to further agitate the matter and no further claims were made.

Miller often crossed the Cumberland Mountains into Kentucky to visit his sister Elizabeth Carnifax. He used to tell an anecdote thus: Once while on a voyage across the mountains in company with a friend, they called at a respectable looking place to stay over night. After supper two young ladies came in to entertain their stranger guests. They spoke good English and soon proved themselves entertaining girls. Presently one of them turning addressed her sister in German saying, "The gentleman with legs like a turkey gobbler is my fellow." "Well," replied the other, "you may have him, but the one that has the nose like the gobbler's snout is mine." Miller spoke to them in plain German, "We compliment you fair ladies and appreciate the choices." Two bundles of calico rapidly passed through the doorway and were hid from view, nor were they gratified any more during their stay of feasting their optics on those fair maids.

While in Kentucky during the early years of 1800 enjoying himself with his countrymen, a stalwart Kentuckian came up to him saying, "Miller, you have me to fight." Miller, surprised, replied, "For what do I have you to fight?" The answer was, "For the reason that I am the bully of Kentucky and I am informed that you are the bully of Virginia and we must fight to a finish." Miller replied that he was no bully, never claimed to be nor was it claimed for him. This did not satisfy the bully and he repeated, "You have me to fight." Whereupon Miller, wishing to avoid trouble, mounted his horse and attempted to ride away. The bully grabbed the bridle rein and stopped him. Then the Virginian's blood rose, he leaped to the ground and at it they went. The Kentuckian was much the larger man, and Miller, not taking time to rid himself of a tight home made coat, fought under disadvantage. The anxious spectators gathered to the scene in numbers, the men fought desperately and it seemed the superior Kentuckian would win, yet Miller kept his feet. For 15 minutes they fought and neither fell. Miller saw that he must adopt other tactics, so sprang violently on his adversary, caught him around the waist, threw him against a large new rail fence, at the same time grabbing onto the fence and holding his adversary fast. Some of the bystanders were for tearing down

the fence, others objected, saying that Miller had obtained the advantage he now had fairly, so while they were disputing Miller got his adversary in a position that he could use two large spurs that he had on his feet, spurring him on the ribs with such effect that his antagonist was soon unconscious. The bystanders then seized Miller and with loud shouts and *hurrahs for Virginia*, carried him through the village; so there must have been many Virginians present. Thus ended the personal conflict. Years after this Miller, while in Kentucky, received a message from the big bully complimenting him and added that he was satisfied with the fight and did not wish to ever renew it. I should have observed that the defeated bully was taken to his home and during eleven weeks hung between life and death, though he finally permanently recovered. He visited Kentucky many times and in later years took great pleasure in talking of that country. He used to tell of the pioneer settlers there-perhaps he met Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton. He used to tell stories about Kenton that had not then appeared in print.

Adam Miller lived to bachelor age when at the age of 36, or in 1814, he married Miss Letha Canterbury and settled on his father's farm on Indian Creek. To this union there were 8 children, 5 boys and 3 girls, none of whom are living at this date, 1910. In about 1826 he left Indian Creek and settled on Hans Creek on what was then known as the Isaac Paul farm. Here he spent the remainder of his life in quiet and comparative ease. Many years before his death he became very corpulent. He also suffered for many years with Sciatic Rheumatism which so affected his hips that to walk he was compelled to use two sticks or canes. These staffs were very short so when he walked he leaned much forward. A story is told of him in those days which I will record. He made a profession although he never united with any religious denomination, yet he cherished in his bosom a *fond hope of Eternal Life and died in this faith.*

Now for the story. On election day his friends conveyed him to the polls at Red Sulphur Springs on a wagon. In those days whiskey and brandy were no scarce article, as it was around in open vessels free to all. The old gentleman drank rather freely with his friends, and on reaching home and being helped from the wagon he found that he was tottery. He steadied himself and attempted to walk, but found that he had boozed one time too many. The old Dutchman then viewed himself for a moment and then said reproachfully, "*A Pretty Christian.*"

About the middle of January, 1844, he noticed a small black spot on one of his toes, which gradually spread upward and on the 21st of that month and at his home and in full possession of his mental capacity, and surrounded by his family and friends, he expired. He was laid to rest in the Miller burial ground on Indian Creek near the side of his father. For many years prior to his death he was not able to do much work on his farm. He was a cooper and made wooden vessels for the country round about his home. A half bushel measure that he made is now the property of J. J. Ellison of Rock Camp, this county. It was made over 70 years ago for the father of J. J. Ellison and is still in a good state of preservation. He also manufactured gunpowder on a small scale for his own use and for his neighbors.

The person of Adam Miller was about 5 ft. 10 in. high, dark or black hair. blue eyes, Grecian nose, broad forehead and chin, rather wide mouth, short thin beard if worn at all, but almost invariably he went smooth shaved. In dealings with his fellow man he was strictly honest, a man of fairly good judgment, mild in disposition, a fond husband

and indulgent father. In the terse, but just and true statement, he was one of nature's model men. In early manhood and in his prime, he was spare built, full shouldered and broad chest, and weighed about 155 pounds, was very strong and active. Such was the man Adam Miller, who now lies buried on Indian Creek, his grave unmarked.

I will now write a short description of his home. That portion of his farm where he lived is now owned by J. Z. Ellison. His farm and dwelling was on the south side of Hans Creek. His dwelling was a large two story double log structure and stood less than 100 yards from the creek bank, and also southwest and less than one quarter of a mile of Hans Creek P. O. Just below and near the creek stands today his barn, a large double log structure. It was constructed here by the Pauls over 100 years ago and is still in a good state of preservation. A short distance southwest of his dwelling was his apple orchard of which nothing now remains except two trees of gigantic size, one of which is in good state of preservation, the same being about 110 years old. His dwelling has long since been taken away. Nothing now remains to mark the place where it stood. Thus closes the record of Adam Miller.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE FAMILY OF ADAM MILLER, SR.

I will now proceed to record his family:

Letha Miller, Adam Miller's wife, was born about 1796, being a daughter of John Canterbury of pioneer days. After her husband's death she married James Alderson of what is now Alderson, W.Va. After his death in about 1874 she went to Boone County, W. Va., to her son John Miller's, where shortly afterwards she died and was buried there.

ANDERSON MILLER, the eldest of the family of Adam Miller, was born Feb. 21, 1815, on Indian Creek. He came to Hans Creek with his father in 1826. Here he remained until 1841 when he with his brother John, both young single men and full of hope, left their father's home to seek wealth in the far west. They stopped in Indiana where in 1842 Anderson died and was buried there. The person of Anderson Miller was about 5 ft. 11 in. spare build, flat chest, form very straight and erect, blue eyes, black hair and Grecian nose. He had no tendency to corpulency. The general expression of his face was that of a grin. He was a man of noble disposition and character, beloved by all who knew him. Thus closed the record of Anderson Miller.

JOHN MILLER was born on Indian Creek May 9, 1817, and came to Hans Creek with his father in 1826 where he grew to manhood. After the death of his brother Anderson, or in 1843, he returned from Indiana to his home where shortly after he married Lucy Mann. To this union there were two children, *Allen* and *Overton*. The latter died young. John Miller lived at the old Miller home until 1859 when he and family moved to Boone County, W. Va., where in 1877 he died. *Allen Miller*, their only living child, still resides there. The person of John Miller was about 5 ft. 10 in. high, dark brown or black hair, blue eyes, broad forehead, Grecian nose, broad chin, pleasant countenance. In youth and to middle age he was rather spare built, but later he became like his father, very fleshy, weighing over 200. He was a steady, mild and good man. His wife died about 1880 and was buried by his side on their farm. Thus closes the record of John Miller and his family.

SAMUEL MILLER was born on Indian Creek July 30, 1819. He was the third child of Adam Miller and the father of the recorder, so I will speak more particularly of him later on.

William Canifax Miller was born on Indian Creek June 12, 1821, and came to Hans Creek with the family in 1826 where he grew to manhood and spent his life, never leaving this section a distance of 50 miles. In about 1845 he married Miss Mary Tomptson and settled on his father's farm. To this union there were born 8 children, six of whom lived to man and womanhood, 3 boys and 3 girls. ELIZABETH JANE, the oldest, married Isaac Miller, a great grandson of the pioneer John Miller, and settled on a part of his father's farm near now Dry Pond Church. To this union there were 9 children, 7 girls and 2 boys, two girls and one boy of whom died in their infancy. *Marenda Arbell*, the eldest of this family, born in October 1866; *Mary Elizabeth*, born in March 1869; *Eliza*, born in Jan. 1871; *Lucy L.*, born in the year 1874; *Elbert*, born in 1877, and *Ocie*, born in July 1880. Elizabeth Jane was born March 18, 1848. Isaac Miller was born Feb. 7, 1846. Marenda Arbell still remains at home. Mary Elizabeth married Allen Green, they reside in Raleigh County, W. Va. Eliza married George Underwood, they settled near Dry Pond, Monroe County. Lucy L. married Will Marten, they reside near Dry Pond. Elbert never married and resides with his parents. Ocie married John Campbell, they reside near Dry Pond. *Eli B. Miller*, the second child of William Canifax Miller, was born about 1850 and married Martha Mann about 1876 and settled on a part of his father's farm. To this union there were six children, 5 of whom are still living. LUCY ANN, the third child of Wm. C. Miller, was born about 1855, married John Wickline about 1875 to which union were born 5 children, 4 of whom are still living. She died in 1907. JOHN K, the fourth child of Win. C. Miller, was born about 1859. In about 1887 he married Victoa Massy, to which union there were 6 children, all of whom are still living. He settled in Kanawha County, W. Va., where he still resides. LETHA, the fifth child of Wm. C. Miller, was born about 1862, was married to William Martin in 1896 and died shortly after without child. WILLIAM T., the sixth and youngest child of Wm. C. Miller, was born in 1866 and married Minnie Mann. He went to Bedford County, Virginia. To this union there were 4 children. In 1909 his wife died. He still resides in Bedford County, Virginia.

I will now proceed with my record of William Canifax Miller. He built his cabin about one mile south of what is now Hans Creek P. O. on a bench facing the southeast. Here he spent the remainder of his life. For sometime previous to his death he suffered severely with stomach trouble. He battled manfully with the disease, but on Feb. 5, 1882, at his home surrounded by his family and friends and in full possession of his mind he expired. The person of William Miller was about 5 ft. 11 in. in height and very erect, dark brown or black hair which hung about his neck and face in strings. He had blue eyes, Grecian nose, rather wide mouth, medium chin, short sandy beard, medium lips and rather bony face. When walking his figure was very erect, he seemed to bend no joints except the knees and a slight swing of the arms. The expression on his face was that of his elder brother, a grin. He had but little knowledge in books, but was a man of fairly good judgment. Politically like his father he was a Whig, but after the Civil War he voted with the Democrats. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church about 1867, to which order he remained to his death. He was a man contented with his lot,

temperate and reserved. He was not a great talker, but generally an attentive listener. His answers were quick and hurried with a slight stammer or stutter, but full of meaning. He did not seek after wealth; a comfortable living at his humble dwelling and he was satisfied. When adversity came he meekly submitted. A saying that was his is worth of note. When complaints in his presence of hard times or shortness of crops his reply was, "Things are better than we deserve." He seemed resigned, never complaining. In his dealings he was perfectly honest, truthful and in every respect reliable. He was not a handsome man and yet the purity of his character, the nobleness of his nature with that quaint respect he always had for the opinions of others, made him very attractive. It may be truthfully said that he had many warm friends and no enemies. Thus was the man WILLIAM CANIFAX MILLER, who on the 7th day of February 1882 was laid to rest in the Ellison Cemetery on Hans Creek in full view of and within less than a mile of where he had spent his life.

His wife, Mary Miller, lived until April 12, 1900, and was buried by his side. She was a tall straight woman with black hair and black or brown eyes, rather large forehead, pug nose, rather long face and thick lips. She lived at the old home after her husband's death with her son William T. and her youngest daughter Letha. About 1896 William married and continued at the old home until her death.

I will now write a short paragraph of the present scenery at the old homestead of William C. Miller. It has long since been vacated. The old home dwelling is now in a rapid state of decay. The home that was once full of joy and hope is now silent. No parental caresses, no chattering children is heard; the owl and whippoorwill forgets not to hover close around and send forth their sounding notes to break the stillness. The old apple trees that cluster around still bloom in the springtime and bear their cumbrous loads, but the stillness yet prevails at the lonely spot. I will now close my record of William Miller and his family.

ADAM MILLER, JR., was born Dec. 12, 1823, on Indian Creek. He came to Hans Creek when but a child, where he grew to manhood and in 1845 married MARTHA COMER, daughter of Frederick Comer. To this union there were 13 children, 11 of whom are still living, 7 boys and 4 girls. Adam Miller first settled on Hans Creek on a part of his father's farm, but later moved to Raleigh County, W. Va., from thence to Logan and finally he settled in Lincoln County, W.Va. And here, on March 2, 1896, he died. His children all reside in that section of the State.

The person of Adam Miller was about 5 ft. 8 in. in height, dark brown hair, blue eyes and weighed about 160 pounds. He never became fleshy like his father. He was a Whig in politics, but after the Civil War he voted with the Democrats. He united with the Primitive order of Baptists many years before his death. At the beginning of the Civil War he took sides with the seceding states and served that policy four years. He was an honest upright man, a fond husband and father, a good neighbor and friend. I will now close my record of Adam Miller.

NANCY MILLER was born Nov. 28, 1826, perhaps on Indian Creek. About 1847 she married Robert Lavander and about 1899 she died, perhaps in Logan County, W. Va., her husband and children preceding her to the grave.

ELIZABETH MILLER was born April 5, 1829, on Hans Creek. She married about 1848 to Whitson Green. To this union there were 5 children that grew to adult age. Green was made prisoner during the Civil War and died in prison at Camp Chase in 1864. Elizabeth lived in Raleigh County, W. Va., where she went before the Civil War. She died about 1905.

MARY J. MILLER was born Nov. 29, 1831, on Hans Creek. She married Henderson Canterbury and settled in Logan County, W. Va., in 1860, and there in about 1899 she died.

(In the proper place in this record book I spoke of Daniel Miller, son of pioneer settler John Miller. I stated that his name and date of birth did not occur in the old family Bible and that perhaps he settled in Ohio or Indiana. I have since learned that he settled in Boone County, W. Va., and died there.)

CHAPTER FIVE

RECORD OF SAMUEL SILAS MILLER, SR.

Thus closes my record of the family of Adam Miller, Sr., except Samuel Miller, who was the third son and was born as I have above recorded, in 1819. He grew up a strong man, gay and handsome. In 1843 he married Miss Susan Ballard, daughter of Willis Ballard. To this union there were born 10 children, 9 of whom grew to man and womanhood. He settled on 42 acres of his father's farm. He built his house, a two-story double log structure, about one-half mile south of Hans Creek P. O. It stood on the west bank of a small stream of water called later "Miller's Branch," and amid a large cluster of sugar trees. Later on he purchased more land joining the home tract, so in all he owned nearly two hundred acres where he raised his large family and spent the remainder of his life.

In the section where he grew up there were but little opportunity held out for the youth; there were no school houses or schools except where the farmer would hire someone who could read and write to teach their children in some deserted log cabin. These terms of school were short, lasting perhaps not over two months. Consequently the youths of that day received but a meager supply of learning, and yet Samuel Miller acquired considerable book knowledge. He was a good reader, wrote well, had considerable knowledge in mathematics, was well posted on ancient and modern history and was well read in the Scriptures. He spent a great deal of his time in later years reading newspapers and consequently was well posted on the issues of the day. Politically he was a Democrat, casting his first vote in 1840. Although his father and brothers were Whigs, yet he lived and died a Democrat. In 1860 when secession was being agitated in Virginia he was opposed to disunion, but when the state did secede he, like many other true hearted Virginians who opposed disunion, remained loyal to his State.

He was called out with the militia in 1861 in which capacity he served till the close of the war. He was never required to perform any severe service during the war on account of his age and the fact that he was not a sound bodied man. For many years prior to the war he had suffered with asthma or bronchitis during the winter and spring. He never got over this trouble although it never undermined his general health. He was afflicted for many years before his death with sciatic rheumatism which made an impediment in his walk. After the close of the war he did not perform much labor on the

farm. His boys did the farm labor and during the remainder of his life he lived quietly and in ease, spending a great deal of his time in reading books and newspapers. In December 1892 he was partially paralyzed from which he never entirely recovered, and yet he was able to go about and visit among his children, and during the winter of 1894 and '95 he began to rapidly decline. In September 1894 a beloved son and one who had tenderly caressed him during his declining years, with that fond tenderness that can be bestowed by none but a fine and true hearted child, was killed. The shock was more than he could bear in his feeble condition, and he fell into a state of melancholy and he wept continuously. His mind became impaired and remained in this condition until death closed the scene. In the flowery month of May the seventh in 1895 at his home amid the clusters of tall sugar trees beneath the boughs of which he had reclined for nearly 70 years and surrounded by his wife and children, the veteran citizen expired.

The person of Samuel Miller was full 5 ft. 10 in. high, weight when young about 150 pounds, stood and walked very erect, dark brown or black hair, deep modest blue eyes, broad forehead, Grecian nose, medium lips, broad chin, broad shoulders and very broad full chest. He had a smooth clear soft masculine voice that was attractive to the listener. He had a modest blue eye that one could quickly see knew no guilt. In youth he was very gay; he always took an active part in various sports in those days; in athletic sports he was equal to any and excelled by none. The hop-step and jump he could go 42 feet then turn, start where he had lit and go back and strike where he had started. He was generally all through life good humored, cheerful and full of jokes. He always enjoyed games of almost all kinds, and even when old seemed to enjoy them as did the young. He was a man in many ways very attractive in youth; the attraction of his person was strong and in old age the cheerful good humored open way that always met his friends, relatives and strangers, made him very attractive. After the close of the Civil War he became very fleshy, like his father, weighing over 200 pounds. He was crippled some with sciatic rheumatism which caused him for many years prior to his death to use a staff or cane when walking. One of his canes is now in possession of his son J. G. Miller. In old age his hair held its color admirably, changing but little. At 70 years, after he was paralyzed, his hair changed rapidly and at his death was very silvery. After middle age he was drooped a little in his shoulders, wore a short thin sandy beard and mustache. His door was always open to his friends and to strangers; no one regardless of conditions was ever turned from his door unfed--strangers were entertained and no charges made. He never sought wealth-an ample living at home and he was content. His hair was beautiful all through life. He never had any tendency to baldness. During old age he generally wore his hair tolerably long and it stood on end, making a bushy head. His friends would often tease him about his hair and ask him why he did not comb his head. He would saucily reply, "I have just combed it now," upon which he would run his fingers through it several times saying, "This is the way I comb my hair," and then smile or laugh.

During the warm season of the year he loved to take a newspaper and recline on the grass beneath the cluster of sugar trees that grew about his dwelling and there upon the warm and beautiful grass spend hours. Sometimes his friends would say, "You are lazy." Then those mild blue eyes would light up with a mischievous acquiescence. (My father, I will never forget thee, although thy trials and sorrows are all over and thou are at rest-Yet I see thee still-I see those noble modest blue eyes that so loudly bespoke truth, honesty, stability, virtue and fidelity.

I feel the touch of soothing hands and hear thy noble voice, yet thou art gone! But the memory of thee still lingers and will remain--And I would that I may follow thee in thy footsteps down the steps of life with that calm resignation and rest with thee in peace.) He never identified himself with any religious order; he was perhaps one of nature's bright specimens of humanity who did no intentional wrongs and cherished in his breast a fond hope of eternal life in the bosom of his Creator as probably thousands do who do not tell it to others.

Such was the man Samuel Miller, who on the 8th day of May 1895 was laid to rest on the south slope of Ellison's Ridge in one half mile and in full view of where he had spent almost his entire life. So I will say to thee "farewell"---the pale marble rises over his grave to tell us and our posterity where he lays and who he was. Who can look down on the grave, even an enemy, without a compulsory throb? We may then be sorry that we ever warred with the poor handful of earth that lies mouldering beneath us. But the grave of our father from its peaceful abode comes none but fond regrets and kindly recollections. Over the grave of a friend, a brother or sister I would plant the primrose or some beautiful flower, but o'er the grave of my father I will let the green grass grow--There is something 'in nature's simple covering that tends to beautify and verify the tomb of the aged that far exceeds artifice. I will say to thee again, "Father, Farewell."

Thus closes the record of SAMUEL MILLER.

I will now proceed to record his wife.

Susan Miller was born Jan. 2, 1826. She was a Miss Ballard, daughter of Willis Ballard. The Ballards came originally from Scotland perhaps about 1730 and settled in Maryland. Later they came to Virginia and from thence across the Alleghanies to West Virginia about 1790 and settled in Monroe County near what is now Greenville. She was the sixth child of a family of nine children. She married Samuel Miller in 1843, became the mother of 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls. She is a medium sized woman. When young she had dark brown hair, deep blue eyes, and was very attractive. She is now 85 years old, and in a good state of preservation. She makes her home with her son Samuel Miller, but visits among her children a great deal.

CHAPTER SIX

CUSTOMS AND USAGES OF THOSE TIMES

It may be interesting to posterity to know something of the customs and manner in which children were grown up in those days, and I will give here an account of the family of Samuel and Susan Miller, which will suffice to give posterity an idea of the ways of their ancestors.

The country then was largely a wilderness. Men, women and children were obliged to work very hard to procure a living. The fathers and boys must clear the ground and fence their cornfields during the winter for the coming season. They would first grub the small brush, then cut the saplings with the axe and the larger timber deaden by cutting around the trunk. The fences were built with rails 11 feet long and invariably built on the worm style. The timbers that would not deaden, such as Lynn, Buckeye, Gum and Poplar, was cut up in lengths and during the early spring a flax scutching for the girls, a log rolling for the boys and a dance at night was common. All the neighbors

were invited, all came, all worked, all danced, all was cheerful and happy. The flax was scutched and the logs piled up. This went the rounds to almost every house.

The new ground, as it was then called after the logs and brush were burned off was then plowed with a bull tongue plow and planted in corn, generally about the middle of May. At home, we had a large sugar orchard and during February and March made a large amount of sugar and syrup. This we used instead of granulated sugar and molasses of today.

The dwellings of those days were generally log cabins, cracks daubed with mud and the chimneys often built of wood. Sometimes floors were laid with puncheons and not infrequently the board on the roof held there by poles laid on them instead of being nailed. The outbuildings were a log stable, hen house and smokehouse that was a little log building near the dwelling to hang meat in. In those days they hung their meat after taking salt, built a fire under it to dry. Next and last would be seen a small building sometimes not far away and sometimes a distance away built of small logs---this was the milk house. It was generally built over a spring. These buildings usually were all that was necessary to complete a comfortable home.

Cooking was done on open fireplaces, the pot and the baker and the frying pan was all that was necessary--cook stoves were not in use. The home-made wooden bucket, piggin, the churn and the keiler was the kitchen and dairy utensils. These vessels were made of cedar or mulberry. The piggin was about the depth and circumference of a water bucket, but the handle to it was one stave much longer than the rest. The keiler was a low wide flat vessel much like the present earthen milk crock and was used in the dairy to hold milk.

The mode of farming in those days: Corn was planted as I have said above about the middle to 25th of May and even as late as June. The ground was furrowed with a bull tongue plow, then a dropper followed and dropped the corn, then followed the coverers with their hoes. When the corn was sufficiently up they plowed it with a single bit plow running three times in a row, followed by the hoers. This was, done two or three times and the corn as then "laid by." Then the wheat must be cut. This was done with the reap hook or grain cradle. When cut and stacked it was threshed out with the wooden frail or by horsepower chaff piler machine and separated from the chaff with a sheet or windmill. It was hauled on horseback to mills built on streams of water and run by water power. It was ground on buhr stone mills, baked in the baker before the open fire on hot coals and hot coals on the lid. It was eaten with a relish.

Wheat was usually sown in September. This was done by sowing it broadcast and plowing it under with a bull tongue or shovel plow.

The way that we were clothed: Our fathers kept sheep. The wool of the sheep was clipped off, washed and dried; then our mothers would make a wool picking, asking the mothers of the vicinity. They all came, all picked wool, all was cheerful. The dirt and burrs being out, the wool was sent on horseback to a carding machine. Here it was made into rolls, then it must be spun into yarn at home. Who spun it? The older children were all boys, mother was weakly, girls were hard to be had, so one of the boys stayed from the fields and put on the big spinning wheel and mother on the little wheel and the rolls converted into yam. Then our father would buy bale cotton, mother would then color the cotton and yarn the color she chose, then she would warp the

web and her and son would put it in the loom. This done, the son would weave while the mother would fill the quills and do the housework. After the cloth was woven our mothers would cut out our garments and sew them with homespun flax thread. This was done by hand. Sewing machines were not in use. Thus was our winter clothes manufactured. Our summer clothes were flax linen which were made by the same process as our winter clothes.

A flax patch was sown in the springtime. The flax was pulled, spread out to take the rain for a time, then it was taken up and after it became dry it was broken by a flax break, then scutched and hackled, then spun into thread, then woven. Towels, sheets, tablecloths and grain bags were made of linen as well as our summer wear. Our footwear was made by our father who tanned his own leather and made our shoes. Our winter hats he purchased from an old hatter who lived about two miles away. This man made wool hats for the country around where he lived. Our summer hats we made at home by plating wheat straws together then our mother would sew it into a hat with strong flax thread and line the crown which made a comfortable hat. Our stockings our mother knit out of yarn. There were then but few churches and those several miles away, built of hewed logs. There were no schoolhouses. Our fathers would employ someone to teach a short term in some deserted cabin in the vicinity. These teachers were often very poor scholars, able only to read and write with but small knowledge of mathematics.

The boys of those days were generally turned loose Sundays to amuse themselves as they liked. Fishing along the streams, chasing the bird or butterfly, battling with the bumblebee, hornet, yellow jacket or wasp-such were the times in which the family of Samuel and Susan Miller grew up. The NOW and the THEN: Instead of the flail, the chaff piler and the windmill, the whistle of the steam separator is heard in the land; instead of the old buhr, flowering water mills, steam roller mills prevail; instead of the old whipsaw, the singing of the circular saw driven by steam is heard on all sides; instead of the reap book and the grain cradle, the reaper and binder is seen; instead of the mowing scythe and wooden rake, the mowing machine and iron rake drawn by horses is here; instead of grain being sown by hand, the drill is in use; instead of the few log churches, handsomely constructed churches now decorate the land; schoolhouses are numerous, and books and newspapers there is no end; instead of messages being carried on foot or horseback, they flit from house to house, from town to town, from city to city, from continent to continent with lightning speed over wires. The spinning wheel and loom have long since been lain aside, the sewing machine has taken the place in almost every house of the needle and thimble. Instead of the log cabin, handsome frame dwellings now stand; instead of the old stagecoach, the whistle of the locomotive is heard on all sides. This change has been very rapid, covering a period of less than 40 years.

I will now record the children of Samuel and Susan Miller. As I have said, there were ten children, all of whom were born on Hans Creek, Monroe County, W. Va.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL SILAS MILLER, SR.

Lavina Catharine Miller, the eldest child, was born March 13, 1844. She lived until Nov. 2, 1844, and died with croup. She was buried in the Keaton graveyard.

Hugh Ballard Miller was born Sept. 19, 1845. At the age of 16 he entered the Confederate service, joining the State Militia, in which capacity he served until shortly before the surrender. He then passed through the Federal lines into the State of Ohio. During the summer of that year a series of terrible battles had been fought on Virginia soil between the army of Northern Virginia commanded by Gen. R. E. Lee and the army of the Potomac commanded by Gen. U. S. Grant, which resulted in the weakening of the Confederate States. Many now began to despair of success---Lee was entrenched at Petersburg and Richmond; the army was in destitute circumstances---its ranks had been greatly thinned by battle. Confederate money had depreciated until it was of but little or no value. The soldiers were but poorly clad, many of them barefooted and scantily fed. Winter was closing in and under those trying circumstances they were being hard pressed by the overwhelming army of the Potomac. During those trying days of the Confederacy many deserted the Confederate colors and sought refuge under the Union flag. Thousands of Southern veterans were perishing in the Northern prisons; many were dying in the entrenchments from lack of clothing, food and comfort. During those terrible months of suffering General Grant sent a dispatch to General Lee asking the surrender of the army, to which Lee replied, "I do not think the time nor the emergency has come that makes necessary the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia," but subsequent events shortly developed that necessitated its immediate surrender and the great war was over---one of the most stubbornly contested struggles and at the same time the most destructive to life and property that has ever been waged in any country or by any people of modern times.

The effect of the war was to lower the dignity of the States and to centralize federal power. It freed the negro slaves and forever settled the question of the right of the States to peacefully withdraw from the Federal Union---even when the Federal Union falls to guard and protect its interests and the liberties of its people. The Government now entered on a new era in its annals---old American ideals were now given up; new ones took their place, and it now remains to posterity to look back over the history of its country and form its own opinion as to who was right and who was wrong. Since the great war the management of the Government has been almost entirely in the hands of the Abolitionist Union Party, now called the Republican Party. Their legislation has been such that enormous wealth has drifted to certain sections of the country and consequently great combines of wealth have been formed and hence monopolies. So now, the finances of the country as well as its commercial interests are largely controlled by its influence. Again, an old American theory was, "Stay at home and govern Americans with just and liberal laws, and not become entangled in foreign politics." The new American has gone far into Pacific waters and has conquered an innocent and liberty loving people and hold them today conquered subjects. The excuse for so doing is that they are not competent to govern themselves. What more did our Mother England say of us---an old American policy, to strictly guard the respects and liberties of the people and sacredly protect and respect the home.

The new American commissions federal officers and sends them forth vested with authority to enter our homes, break locks if necessary, to see what we may or may not be doing.

The cloud has scarcely blown away that hung over an American citizen found with twist tobacco on his person, even of his own raising, if thus found he was liable to arrest, a fine, and imprisonment. Such authority is repugnant to every patriarch and liberty loving American. The Old American adhered strictly to the Constitution and its provisions and respected its authority. The New America just prior to the Civil War gave utterance that there was an unwritten law higher than the written law, meaning the Constitution. This same New America since has branded the States that formed the Confederacy with the title "Rebel and Traitor."

I will say to posterity that the, time has not yet come, although I believe that the dawn is not far away, when the light of truth will shine and under its radiance those epithets will be erased and falsehood, jealousies, and malice cease to be. But I was making a record of the Miller family. I will now return to this work.

Shortly after the close of the war, H. B. Miller returned to his home from the State of Ohio whence he had gone a few weeks prior to the surrender of General Lee. He was now in his 20th year, a tall, athletic and handsome youth, the picture of health and strength. He remained at home until about 1870 when he married Miss Eliza Ballard. To this union there was one child, a son. He purchased land shortly after his marriage, near what is now Orchard, W.Va. He proved very soon to be a sagacious and economical farmer and accumulated rapidly.

He was a dear lover of the gun and dog and spent much of his leisure time hunting. He was a good marksman and delighted in shooting at "Shooting Matches." He never became estranged from his old home and hardly a week passed that he did not visit his parents, always bringing some present that would please them. To his father in his declining years he never ceased to caress with that fond tenderness which can only flow from an unselfish and affectionate heart. But, alas! He was not permitted to assist his father to the end---his sudden death came in 1894 at his home while attending to his horses when one of them violently kicked him on the lower part of the abdomen. At first the wound was not supposed to be fatal, but on the night of the 4th symptoms rapidly developed that made it clear that the end was at hand, and on the 5th of September 1894 surrounded by his venerable mother and friends he died.

The person of H. B. Miller was 5 ft. 11 inches high, broad shoulders, broad full chest, heavy muscles, rather large hands and feet and in youth weighed about 180 pounds He had dark brown hair, broad forehead, Grecian nose, rather wide mouth, broad chin and rather large face. He had rather small quick flashing deep blue eyes that were rather fascinating to the beholder, but which when he became angry sent forth glances around that made the blood curdle in one's veins, and when provoked to wrath, which was not infrequent, it was a tornado.

After middle age he, like his father and grandfather, became very fleshy, weighing from 215 to 225 pounds. He generally was smooth shaved except a thin small sandy mustache, but sometimes he allowed his beard to grow and wore a short thin sandy

beard. In his latter days he became very bald, but never lost the luster of his eyes nor the freshness of face. Politically he was a Republican.

Such was the man, Hugh B. Miller, who on the 6th of Sept. 1894 was laid to rest according to his request, on a small plateau on the south slope of Ellison's Ridge near where he was born and reared. So I will say to thee, "Goodbye."

His son and only child, O. C. Miller, soon squandered his father's estate by his intemperate and reckless habits and it has long since passed into the hands of strangers. His widow now resides with her son near Talcott, W.Va. Thus closes my record of H. B. Miller and his family.

I will now proceed to record the birth, life and death of *Stewart Alexander Miller*, who was born Dec. 10, 1847. He grew up a very strong, athletic man. Just before the close of the Civil War he was called out with the militia, but did little soldier duty.

In 1870 he married Miss Mary Mann, daughter of George A. Mann, and settled on Sugar Run, a small tributary of Hans Creek. To this union there were three children, 2 girls and one boy. He proved to be a good farmer and a man who always kept plenty of the comforts of life around him. He was a lifetime Democrat. He served as member of the Board of Education of his district, but his delight was at home with his family working on the farm. He settled on his farm in 1872, which was all in woods then. He built a log cabin on a spot where in after years he built a comfortable frame dwelling. Here amid the heavy forest he began to clear his farm. It was a dense growth of sugar tree, poplar, walnut, hickory, and oak. Year after year he toiled and field after field he brought from the forest, reaping each year rich rewards for his labor until finally opened up a good farm. He did almost all his work with his own hands and at the time of his death he was in easy circumstances. But alas, he was fated as is often the case with those who have labored hard in youth and manhood, not to be permitted to live to old age to enjoy the labor and economy of earlier years.

During the winter of 1908-09 it became clear that he had an advanced case of Bright's Disease. He was informed of this fact by his family physician. He was also informed of the fatality of the disease which did not seem to flustrate him. His request to his physician and friends was for them not to inform his wife of his real condition. During the summer of 1909 and the following winter he seemed in fairly good health and good spirit. During this time he was able to attend to all his business affairs and work some on his farm. But on the 1st of July, 1910, he arose on the morning, dressed himself, ate breakfast and started to drive some cattle a short distance when one of them left the road. He ran a few steps to get it back, at the same time throwing a stick to turn the animal, and at the same instant he fell forward, but arose again and fell again. He then told a boy that was with him to call his wife, which he did. She had but a short distance to run, less than 200 yards, and when she reached him he said to her, "I am dying, I cannot get my breath," and instantly expired.

The person of Steward A. Miller was 5 ft. 11 in. high, broad shoulders, broad full chest and large muscles. He had under all ordinary pleasing circumstances smiling blue eyes that were very fascinating to behold. But, alas! Too often do those who have rare gifts of comeliness allow frivolous things to drive away the bright and sunny climate and cloud the horizon with a dark and frowning cloud. Such was the case of S. A. Miller. When displeased, a dark frown swept over his brow, driving away all of the

sunny brightness from his countenance. Although he had a hot temper, yet he did not hold malice, and at his death he had many friends and no enemies. He had rather a Roman nose, medium lips and usually wore a small mustache in youth and to middle age. He weighed about 180 pounds but after middle age he, like his father, became very fleshy, weighing over 200. He also, like his elder brother, in his later years became bald, but never lost the freshness of his face nor the brilliancy of his eyes. He was in his dealings with his fellow man strictly honest, a good neighbor and friend. He was a man regarded by all as very reliable and responsible. He was tender hearted and often wept with those who were in distress. He turned none from his door unfed, kept strangers and made no charges. He like his older brother loved the gun and dog. He was a good shot and always took an active part in all the shooting matches. He was almost always full of life and laughter and he had a clear smooth masculine voice that was very agreeable to the listener.

Such was the man Stewart A. Miller who on July 2, 1910, was laid to rest in the Ellison Grave Yard in the presence of a large throng of friends and relatives. Thou art gone, thy trials are all over and thyself at rest, yet the memory of thee still lingers and will remain. I will now say to thee "Goodbye."

The widow of S. A. Miller has vacated the home and it has since been occupied by others. I will now close my record of S. A. Miller and proceed to record his children. There were 3 children, 2 girls and 1 boy.

Ella the eldest was born about 1871, married William Humphreys and settled near Ballard post office, W.Va. She has several children. *Rose* was born about 1873 and married Charles Humphreys and settled near Ballard, W.Va. She has several children. The widow of S. A. Miller makes her home with her.

Cyrus was born about 1876 and married Lizzie Houchins. He has a family of children and resides in Huntington, W.Va.

I have now finished the record of the family of S. A. Miller.

JOHN GASTON MILLER, the third son of Samuel Miller, was born Sept. 23, 1850. About 1872 he married Alsesta Mann, daughter of Geo. A. Mann, and purchased land and settled near what is now Orchard, W.Va. Here he proved himself to be a good farmer and has always had comfortable living. To this union there were 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls, 4 of whom are still living. About 1894 his wife died with Purperal fever leaving an infant daughter which died soon after.

About 1896 he married Lucretia Cook of Summers County, W.Va. To this union there were two children, both girls, *Bessie* and *Bertha*. In about 1900 Lucretia died.

About 1901 he married Rebecca Harry of Mercer County, W.Va. To this union there are no children.

He still lives where he first settled. The person of John Gaston Miller is about 5 ft. 8 in. high, form well developed, dark hair, blue eyes and a rather long Grecian nose, rather wide mouth and medium lips. He generally goes smooth shaved except a sandy mustache of considerable quantity. When he does wear beard it is thick and rather

heavy. His weight is about 160 lbs. Politically he is a Democrat. I will now record his children.

Amanda was born in 1875 and about 1889 married George McClellan Mann. To this union were born 2 children. In 1892 her husband died. About 1900 she married Lonnie Weatherford. To this union there are two children. *George Edgar Miller* was born about 1875 and about 1901 he married Eller Smith. To this union there are several children. He resides near Greenville, W. Va.

Samuel Rubin Miller was born about 1878. About 1901 he married Dora Thompson. To this union there are several children. He resides on Hans Creek, W. Va. *Charlie Miller* was born about 1881 and died about 1889. *Robert Miller* was born about 1883. About 1909 he married Claudie Jones. To this union there are 2 children. He lives on a part of his father's farm.

Bessie and *Bertha*, the children of his second wife, were born about 1898 and 1900. Thus closes the record of the family of John Gaston Miller.

GEORGE CYRUS MILLER was born the 6th of Dec. 1852. He is the fourth son of Samuel Miller. He married Elizabeth Ellison in 1874. To this union there were 7 children, 6 of whom are still living. He first settled near Greenville, W. Va., living there nearly 20 years. He became dissatisfied, sold his farm and moved to Tennessee where he remained about 5 years and came to his native vicinity again. He purchased land on Hans Creek where he now resides.

George Cyrus is a man full of energy and untiring perseverance. He has always had a bountiful living, but never well contented. The person of G. C. Miller is about 5 ft. 8 in. high, well proportioned, dark brown hair blue eyes, Grecian nose, thick lips and broad forehead and weighs about 170 lbs. He usually wears no beard, but a rather heavy sandy mustache. He is now getting considerable gray. He is a sagacious farmer and politically a Democrat. I will now record his family.

His wife, who is a daughter of John J. Ellison of this county, was born in 1858.

Virginia C. Miller, his eldest child, was born in 1875. She was married to Theodore Elling of Missouri in 1908 and settled in Oklahoma. She has one child.

Lennie Susan Miller was born in 1879 and resides with her father.

Walter Lee Miller was born in 1881. He has for several years been employed by the C. & O. RR. Co.

Rose May Miller was born in 1884. In 1910 she married Elbert Broyles of Monroe County and settled in Kansas. She has 1 child.

Anna Miller was born in 1887 and lives with her parents.

Ole H. Miller was born in 1891 and died in 1894.

Emma Fay Miller was born in 1897 in Tennessee and remains with her parents. Thus closes my record of G. C. Miller and his family.

ANDREW PLUNKET MILLER, the 5th son of Samuel Miller, was born July 13, 1855. He married Alpha Mann in 1881. To this union there were three children, 2 boys and 1 girl. For many years he taught district schools. He bought on the headwaters of Brush Creek and made a successful farmer. Later on he went into the mercantile business at which he has been successful. He is also Postmaster at Orchard where he has his mercantile business. The person of A. P. Miller is 5 ft. 11 in. high, dark brown hair, blue eyes, Grecian nose and broad forehead. In youth and to middle age he was spare built, but in after years, like his father and brothers, became very fleshy, weighing over 200 lbs. I will now record his family.

His wife, who was a daughter of Austin Mann, was born in 1864.

Victor L. Miller, his eldest child, was born 1882. In 1886 he was kicked on the forehead by a colt, which made an ugly gash, fracturing the skull from whence the brain oozed out. It was stated by his attending physician, Dr. Henry Butts, that at least a teaspoon full of brains escaped, but after a time the little fellow recovered leaving no permanent disability. In 1908 he married Nannie Lowe of Summers County, W.Va. To this union there is one child. He resides on his father's farm.

Annie Carlisle Miller was born in 1884. In 1905 she married Will Boone of East Virginia. To this union there are two children. She resides near Orchard, W.Va.

Paul Dobby Miller was born in 1903.

Thus closes the record of A. P. Miller and his family.

SAMUEL SILAS MILLER, the 6th son of Samuel Miller, Was born Dec. 19, 1857. This is the recorder and has but little to say of himself. If any of the Miller family or his posterity sees fit to record his death and burial with a description of his person, space will be found in this record book to do so, so he will pass on and record his family later.

MARTHA ANN MILLER, the eldest daughter of Samuel Miller, Sr., was born April 20, 1863. In 1887 she married John Miller, a great grandson of the Henry Miller, Sr., found in this record. She is the mother of 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. She with her husband and children live on a farm on Hans Creek near Assurance P.O. She is medium height with dark hair and blue eyes. I will now record her family.

J. P. Miller, her husband, was born about 1858. He is a son of George Miller and a grandson of Chas. Miller.

Frank Leonard Miller, her eldest child, was born in Donathan County, Kansas, in 1888. In 1889 his father and mother came back to Monroe where he grew up. He became an electrician and is now working in this capacity east of the Blue Ridge.

Charles Denton Miller was born in 1890. His home is with his parents. He teaches district schools during the winter season.

Susan E. Miller was born in 1893. Her home is with her parents. She teaches district schools during the winter.

Mollie Miller was born in 1895 and lives with her parents.

Annie May Miller was born in 1900 and lives with her parents.

Thus closes my record of Martha Ann Miller and family.

SYLVESTER ADAM MILLER was the 7th son of Samuel Miller, Sr., and was born April 10, 1865. In 1893 he married Annie L. Ballard, daughter of Hugh Ballard. To this union there were 6 children, all of whom are living. He purchased a farm near Greenville, this county, and proved to be a successful farmer. For many years he taught district schools during the winter season. In 1910 his wife died. He is now a widower. The person of S. A. Miller is 5 ft. 8 in. and weighs about 165 lbs. He has very dark brown hair, brown mustache, deep blue eyes and Grecian nose. I will now record his children.

Molly Roth Miller, his eldest child, was born in 1894.

Hugh Ballard Miller was born in 1895.

Jennie Reynolds Miller was born in 1897.

Howard Goldie Miller was born in 1900.

Richard Miller was born in 1903.

Rachel Miller was born in 1909.

His children are all with him.

Thus closes my record of S. A. Miller and his family.

LILLY BELL MILLER, the youngest daughter of Samuel Miller, Sr., was born the 29th of Dec. 1867. In 1891 she married John Campbell Miller, a great grandson of the Henry Miller found in this record. She is the mother of 7 children, six of whom are living. She is of medium height, has dark hair, blue eyes and a prominent nose tending to the Roman. She has of late years become very fleshy, perhaps weighing nearly 200 lbs. She lives with her husband and children on Sugar Run on their farm which joins the land of Stewart A. Miller, deceased. I will now record her family. *John C. Miller*, her husband, was born in 1864. He is a son of Wilson Miller and a grandson of Moses Miller. He works extensively at the carpenter trade, and also farming.

Ray Sekska Miller, her eldest child, was born in. 1891.

Bessie Bell Miller was born in 1893. She died in 1896 with that dreadful disease, Membranous Croup, and was buried in the Ellison graveyard.

Florence Mary Miller was born in 1895.

George Dewey Miller was born in 1898.

John Floyd Miller was born in 1900.

Dorsey Gordon Miller was born in 1904.

Katherine Virginia Miller was born in 1905.

This closes my record of Lilly B. Miller and her family and also of the family of Samuel Miller, Sr.

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL SILAS MILLER, JR.

I will now record the family of Samuel Silas Miller, who as I have before recorded is the sixth son of Samuel Miller, Sr.

Josephine Miller, his wife, was born in Mercer County, W. Va., April 22, 1864. She was a Miss Bowling, daughter of Chas. A. Bowling. She is a descendant of one of the oldest families in Virginia. Her ancestry is traceable to the founding of Jamestown. On one side her ancestors were English, but on the other it was Indian. An Indian princess of history, Pocahontas, who married John Rolfe and had one child, a son, whose daughter married Col. Robert Bowling. His son, Major John Bowling, raised several children whose descendants scattered over many sections of Virginia. One of these, Capt. John Bowling, about 1825 crossed the Allegheny Mountains and settled near what is now Spanishburg, Mercer Co., W.Va. Here he raised a family of 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. He died about 1875. His wife, who was a Miss Walker, died about 1900. The names of his children are: Anderson, Nancy, Lee, Charles, Jesse, Thomas and Jane. The birth of this family covers a period from about 1827 to 1845.

Anderson settled near Spanishburg and raised a family. He died there about 1901. Nancy married Thomas Lilly and settled in Summers County, W.Va. She died about 1900 without children. Lee is still living on the old Bowling farm near Spanishburg. He is unmarried. Charles settled on Flat Top, Mercer County, W.Va. Here 11 children were born to him, 7 of whom preceded him to the grave. He died in 1911. The names of his children that survive him are Albert, William, Josie and John. Jessie Bowling settled near Spanishburg where he lived for many years, but in about 1896 he removed with his family to Monroe County, W. Va., where he now resides. His only child, Orpha, married a Kessinger of Monroe and resides on Indian Creek. She has 5 children. Thomas Bowling settled in Mercer County. He has a family of several children. W. P. Bowling, the present clerk of Summers County, is his son. James, the youngest of their family, married Green Baily and settled at Rock, Mercer County. She has 3 children. I have made this short record of the Bowling family for the benefit of my children and their posterity.

I will now proceed with my record of *Josephine Miller* and her children. She was married to Samuel S. Miller in 1890. She was in youth a small figure, weighing about 110 lbs., but after middle age she became very fleshy, weighing about 160 lbs. She has jet black hair, blue eyes and a prominent Grecian nose, also prominent cheekbones.

John King Miller, the eldest child of Samuel S. Miller and Josie Miller, was born on the 20th day of January, 1891. He is now a young man, strong and active. He is about 5 ft. 10 in. high and weighs about 160 lbs. He has dark brown hair, deep blue eyes, broad shoulders, broad full chest, rather thin lips, broad forehead and a rather small nose inclined to the Roman.

Hallie Eugenia Miller was born April 27, 1892. She is now a young woman of medium height. She has dark hair and blue eyes and a prominent nose.

Basil North Miller was born April 11, 1894. He has dark brown hair, blue eyes and Grecian nose, broad forehead and a rather large well developed head, broad shouldered, broad full chest. He is a well developed youth of 18 years.

Lucy Susan Miller was born Jan. 14, 1896. She was a beautiful and lovely child. She had deep blue eyes and a small Grecian nose. She died on the 27th of Dec. 1897, and was laid to rest in the Ellison Cemetery on the 30th day. It may there be seen on her tombstone a broken link with the words, "It never can be mended." So I will say to thee, "Little Lucy, Goodbye."

Bertha Blanche Miller was born Oct. 14, 1898. She has dark hair and blue eyes and a prominent Grecian nose.

Samuel Silas Miller was born Jan. 5, 1900. He is a well developed boy of 12 years, has dark hair and blue eyes, with a Grecian nose, broad shoulders and broad full chest.

This family was born at the old Samuel Miller home amid the cluster of sugar trees.

I have now finished my record of the Miller family. I have recorded what I was able to gather of the German immigrant and pioneer settler, John Miller, and also his immediate family, after which I have taken Adam Miller, my grandfather, and son, John Miller, and recorded his family. Then the family of Samuel Miller, Sr., and also the family of Samuel S. Miller, Jr. Thus brings my record to a close.